

Core II

Introduction to Language and Linguistics

Course Objectives

- The course aims to familiarise students with the subject of linguistics and prepares them for further in-depth study of language-related issues.
- It will provide students an idea of language evolution, structure, and the way it functions.
- It aims to develop in the students the knowledge of linguistic sign, language structure, correlation of lingual and mental processes, language and speech, the structure of language, types of language units, systems of writing, linguistic diversity, etc.

Unit-1

- Language and Human Language
- Language and Society
- Nature and features of Human language; language and human communication; differences from other forms of communications
- Artificial intelligence and human language

Unit-2

- Linguistics and Language
- What is linguistics; development in the history of linguistic studies
- Contribution of linguistics to other areas of human inquiry
- Linguistics for jobs

Unit-3

- Phonetics and accuracy in pronunciation
- IPA
- Stress and Intonation
- Morphology

Unit-4

- Word formation processes
- Nature of sentences and connected texts
- Syntax and discourse
- Language and meaning: semantics

Prescribed Texts

An Introductory Text Book on Linguistics and Phonetics by R L Varshney

Global Englishes: A Resource Book for Students by Jennifer Jenkins, 3rd Edn, Special Indian Edition, Routledge, 2016

An Introduction to Language and Communication by Ekmajian et al

Indian English through Newspapers, Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi, 2008 by A R Parhi

Suggested Readings

- ✓ Linguistics by David Crystal
- ✓ “Localising the Alien: Newspaper English and the Indian Classroom”, Asima Ranjan Parhi, English Studies in India, Springer, 2018. E Book-ISBN-978-981-13-1525-1.
- ✓ The Indianization of English (OUP) by Braj B Kachru
- ✓ Communicative Competence by Tanutrushna Panigrahi. Notion Press Publishing, India, Malaysia and Singapore
- ✓ David Crystal, English as a World Language
- ✓ A Course in Linguistics by Tarni Prasad. PHI
- ✓ Linguistics: A Very Short Introduction by P H Mathews. OUP

Students may be encouraged to refer to online resources