



Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani
Hyderabad Campus

SECOND SEMESTER 2018-2019

Course Handout Part II

07/01/2019

In addition to part I (General Hand-out for all courses appended to the time table) this portion gives further specific details regarding the course.

Course No. : HSS F222
Course Title : Linguistics
Instructor-in-charge : Pranesh Bhargava

1. Scope and Objective of the course:

This course aims to introduce students to the field of Linguistics. The projected outcome of the course is for the learner to have a better understanding of the nature of Language, its various technical aspects and the role it plays in the society. The fundamental linguistic concepts will be exemplified primarily through English but also other Indian languages whenever possible.

2. Text Book:

Yule, G. *The Study of Language*. Cambridge: CUP. 2010 (4th Edn.).

3. Reference Books:

(i) Hall, Christopher J. *An Introduction to Language and Linguistics: Breaking the Language Spell*. London: Viva-Continuum. 2008 (1st South Asian Edition).

(ii) Pinker, S. *The Stuff of Thought: Language as a Window into Human Nature*. UK: Penguin. 1995.

4. Course Structure:



Lecture. No.	Learning Outcomes	Topics to be covered	Reference Unit
1-2	Develop an overview of linguistics	Linguistics as a field of study and its relationship with other disciplines; Introduction to Linguistics	Ch. 1
3-4	Familiarize themselves with the special features of language	Nature of language; Properties and Important Characteristics of Language	Ch. 2
5-8	Examine the technical aspects of language	Introduction to the concepts of structure, system, unit and class; Segmental and Supra-segmental Features	Ch. 3-4
9-14	Apply the rules of word-formation and morphology	Introduction to the concepts of structure, system, unit and class; Word-formation Process Morphology	Ch.5-6
15-21	Analyse phrases and sentences with reference to Chomsky's concept of Transformational Generative Grammar	Introduction to the concepts of structure, system, unit and class; Types of grammar, different approaches, constituent structure, IC Analysis, PS grammar; TG Grammar: Its	Ch. 7-8



		development	
22-23	Discuss the concept of meaning, theories and process of deriving meaning	Introduction to the concepts of structure, system, unit and class; Semantics	Ch. 9
24-25	Elaborate on the use of context in sentences	Theories of linguistic analysis Pragmatics	Ch. 10
26-28	Examine what cohesion, coherence and speech events are	Theories of linguistic analysis Discourse Analysis	Ch. 11
29-30	Discover the brain as the seat of language	Language and the brain: Neurolinguistics	Ch. 12
31-35	Analyse how first and second languages are learnt	Language acquisition	Ch.-13-14
36-41	Evaluate change in languages from historical perspectives	Language varieties; Language change	Ch.17
38-39	Appreciating different varieties of languages	Language varieties	Ch. 18-19
40-42	Discuss language in relation to society and culture	Role of language in society; Sociolinguistics	Ch.20

5. Evaluation Scheme:

EC.NO.	Evaluation Component	Weighting (in percentage)	Duration	Date, Time (to be announced)	Remarks
1	Mid-sem	30	1 hr.		Closed



				16/3 1.30 -3.00 PM	Book
2	Assignment 1 & 2	30	Take home	TBA	TBA
3	Compre. Exam	40	3 hrs.	14/05 FN	Closed Book

6. Chamber Consultation Hour:

7. **Notices:** The notices concerning the course will be displayed on the CMS.

8. **Make-up Policy:** The make-up for an evaluation component will be given only in genuine cases. However, the student has to contact his/her instructor for his/her approval. In these matters his/her decision shall be final.

9. **Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy:** Academic honesty and integrity are to be maintained by all the students throughout the semester and no type of academic dishonesty is acceptable.

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