



**Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani**  
Hyderabad Campus

## SECOND SEMESTER 2018-2019

### Course Handout Part II

Date: 06/01/2020

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

#### **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.

#### **Text Book:**

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

#### **Reference Books:**

- (i) Hall, Christopher J. *An Introduction to Language and Linguistics: Breaking the Language Spell*. London: Viva-Continuum. 2008 (1<sup>st</sup> South Asian Edition).
- (ii) Pinker, S. *The Stuff of Thought: Language as a Window into Human Nature*. UK: Penguin. 1995.

#### **4. Course Plan:**



Lecture. No.	Learning Outcomes	Topics to be covered	Chapter in the Text Book
1-2	Develop an overview of linguistics	Introduction to Linguistics; Linguistics as a field of study and its relationship with other disciplines; Nature and Origin of Language; Introduction to the concepts of structure, system, unit and class; theories of linguistic analysis	Ch. 1
3-4	Familiarize themselves with the special features of language	Properties and Important Characteristics of Language	Ch. 2
5-8	Examine the technical aspects of language	Segmental and Supra-segmental Features	Ch. 3-4
9-14	Apply the rules of word-formation and morphology	Word-formation Process Morphology	Ch.5-6
15-21	Analyse phrases and sentences with reference to Chomsky's concept of Transformational Generative Grammar	Types of grammar, different approaches, constituent structure, IC Analysis, PS grammar; TG Grammar: Its development	Ch. 7-8
22-23	Discuss the concept of meaning, theories and process of deriving meaning	Semantics	Ch. 9
24-25	Elaborate on the use of context in sentences	Pragmatics	Ch. 10
26-28	Examine what cohesion, coherence and speech events are	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 change	Ch.17
38-39	Appreciating different varieties of languages	Language varieties	Ch. 18-19
40-41	Discuss language in relation to society and culture	Role of language in society; Sociolinguistics	Ch.20

### Evaluation Scheme:

Component	Duration	Weightage (%)	Date & Time	Nature of Component
Assignment 1 and 2		30	To be announced	To be announced on CMS
Mid-semester		30	4/3 9.00 - 10.30AM	Closed Book
Comprehensive		40	06/05 AN	Closed Book

**Chamber Consultation Hour:** To be announced on CMS

**Notices:** Available on CMS

**Make-up Policy:** To be announced on CMS

**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.

**Pranesh Bhargava**  
Instructor-in-charge

