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University Institute of Liberal Arts and Humanities

Course Name-Communication Skills

Course Code-20UCT-141/191

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IDIOMS

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

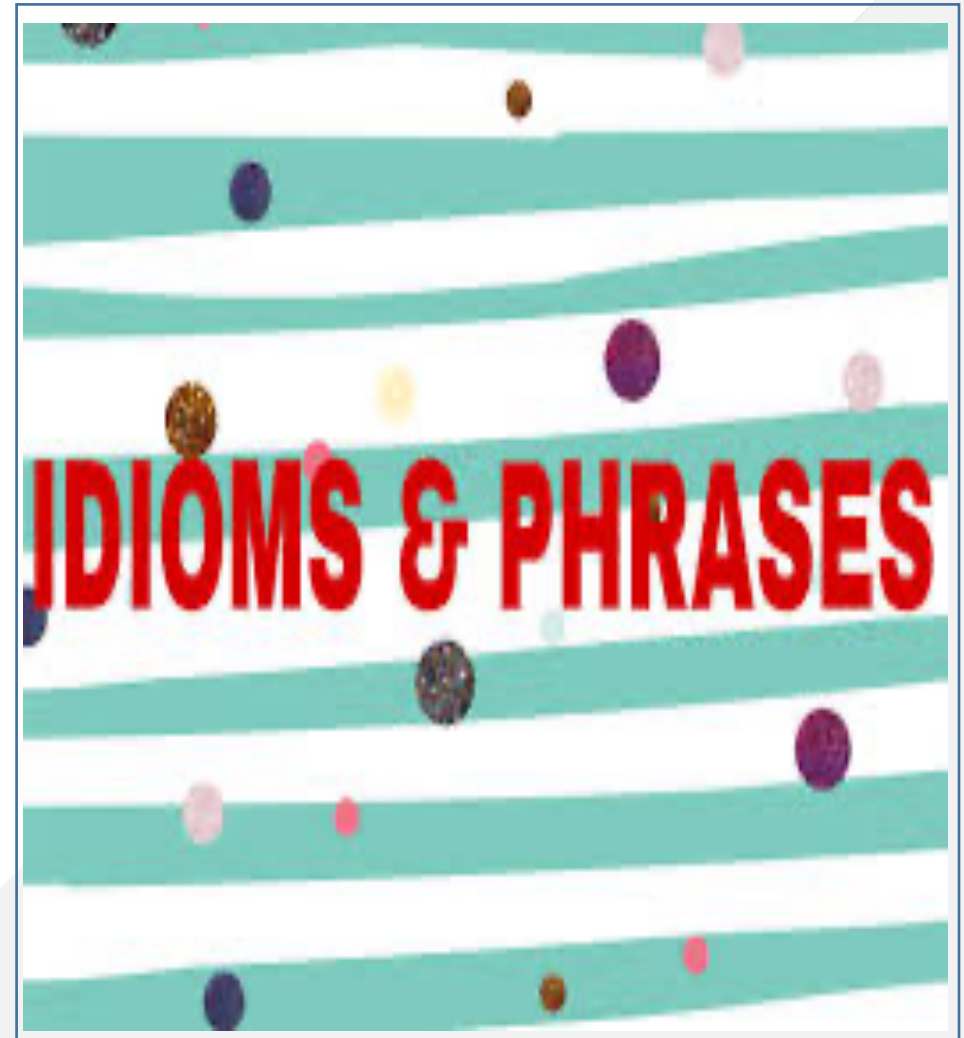
The Course aims to:

1	Augment students overall communication and interpersonal skills by making them realize the importance of good oral and written English Language in professional life.
2	Enrich their reading capability with special emphasis on expanding vocabulary and grammatical formations.
3	Build exceptional reading and writing skills by correcting grammatical errors and pronunciation through practice.

COURSE OUTCOMES

On completion, the students are expected to

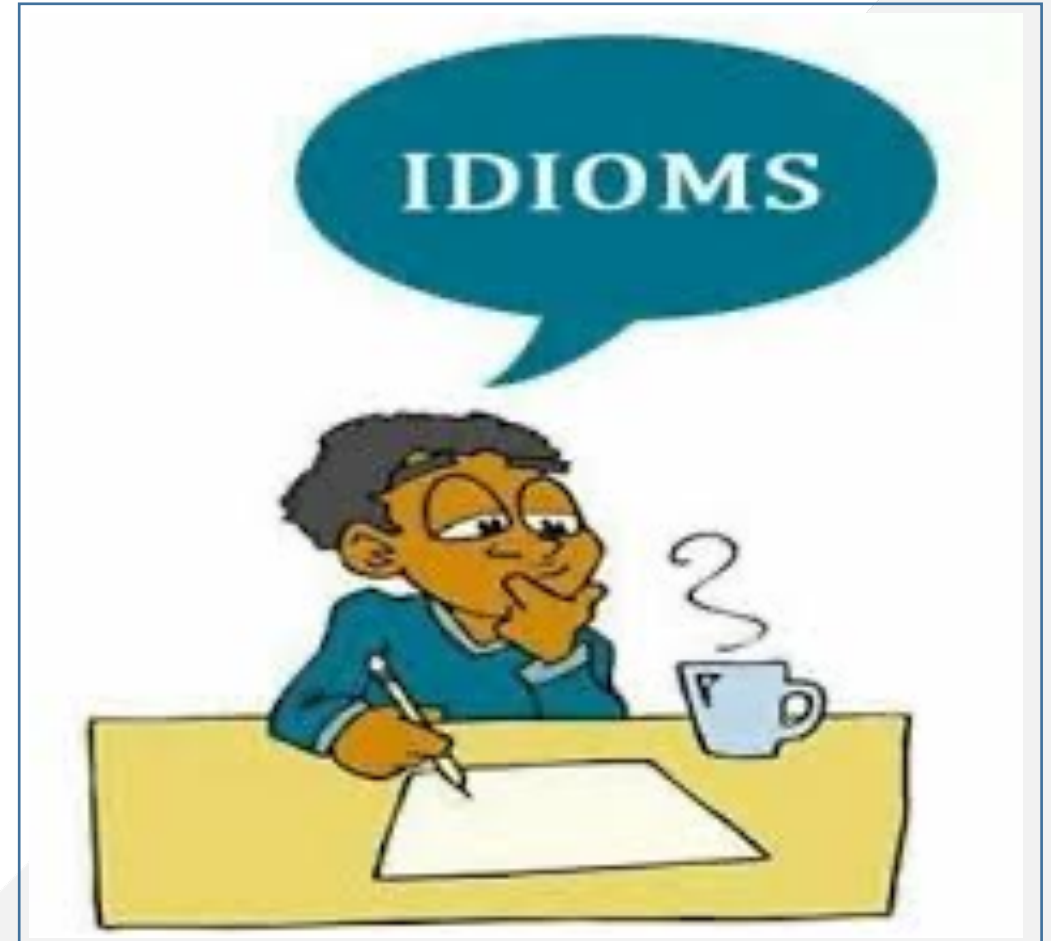
CO Number	Title	Level
CO1	Produce correct contextual written text and speech in a wide range of communication situations.	Apply
CO2	Write original short compositions, in the form of paragraph writing, business correspondence, blogs etc. through logical support and argument.	Analyze
CO3	Demonstrate linguistic competence through accuracy in grammar, pronunciation and vocabulary.	Apply



IDIOMS

Topics to be Covered:

- What are Idioms?
- Importance of Idioms
- Usage of idioms
- Different types of Idioms
- Examples of Idiomatic and non Idiomatic sentences
- Worksheet



What are Idioms ?

- The expressions which are having different meaning from the literal one.
- Reflection of a certain cultural traditions and personalities found in idioms.
- Lexical usage presents deeper meaning and understanding of the expression used.

For e.g. :- ‘ It is raining by cats and dogs’
Meaning: It is raining heavily.



Importance of using Idioms

- To make our conversation less monotonous by adding idioms
- Help us to have the better expression of exact same idea in creative and more efficient way
- Their usage enriches our language making it more impressive
- Variety can be seen in the text

Importance of using Idioms(contd.)

- For improving your speaking and writing style
- Helps to say many things in just a few words
- Makes the speaker confident in communicating well
- For improving LSRW skills by understanding and using idiomatic expressions

Use of idioms(contd.)

- A piece of cake
Meaning- very easy task
- A hard nut to crack
Meaning- a difficult task or problem to solve
- Between the devil and the deep sea
Meaning- between two difficulties



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Idioms with food related words

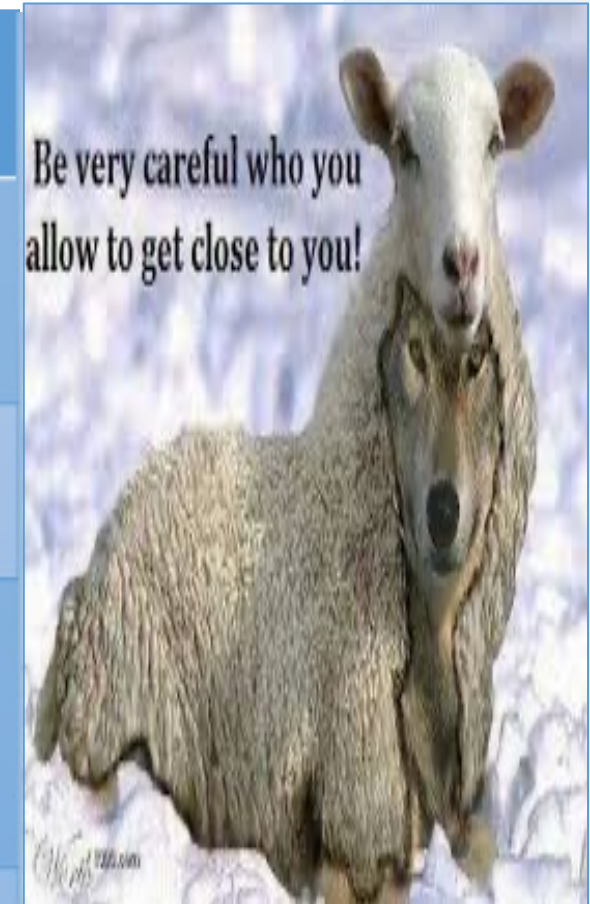
A couch potato	an idle person
Big cheese	an important person
Bread and butter	daily necessities
Not my cup of tea	Not the kind of thing that I enjoy
Selling like hot cakes	Quick sale
The icing on the cake	Something that makes good thing better
To butter someone up	To flatter or be nice to someone

Idioms to describe persons

Smart cookie	One who is very clever
Party pooper	One who ruins all the fun at a party
Worrywart	Those who worry about unimportant things
A wet blanket	Very boring or unenthusiastic person
Big fish in a small pond	Highly ranked person in a small group in an organization

Idioms with birds/animals related words

At a snail's pace	moving very slowly
Wild goose chase	try to follow something difficult or impossible
Bull in a china shop	very clumsy person
Wolf in sheep's clothing	a dangerous person who pretends to be harmless
Busy as a bee	extremely busy



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Idioms with body parts related words

Face the music	stand up to unpleasant consequences
Cold feet	nervous just before a big event
Give a hand	help somebody
Keep an eye on	watch closely
Pull one's leg	joke or tease somebody
Sweet tooth	love of sugar or sweet things

Idiomatic and non idiomatic sentences

- a) There is quarrel between two brothers because of this house.
 - b) This house is an **apple of discord** between two brothers.
- a) He has invited everyone to the party so his wife will keep the house neat and clean by arranging everything nicely at home.
 - b) He has invited **all and sundry** to the party so his wife will keep the house **spick and span** with everything in apple pie order.

EXERCISE

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Applications

- Applicable to professional and personal life
- Will strengthen the speaking and writing skills of students with vocabulary usage to make their language figurative
- Students will be able to speak variety of effective words so that they will have impressive communication skills

Assessment Pattern

Students are assessed on the basis of the following parameters:

- Hourly Tests - 2
- Assignments
- Surprise Test
- Quiz
- Student Engagement
- End Semester Exam

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