

| Course Type | Course Code | Name of Course | L | T | P | Credit |
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| OE | HSO 401 | Introduction to Language Sciences | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 |

| Course Objective |
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| This course offers students an introduction to the foundational principles and the internal structure of human language. They will gain a broad understanding of linguistics' core concepts and methodologies. |
| Learning Outcomes |
| Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the fundamental concepts in linguistics. Understand various theories of first and second language acquisition. Examine how cognitive processes are involved in language comprehension, production, and memory. |

| Unit No. | Topics to be Covered | Lecture Hours | Learning Outcome |
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| 1 | Introduction to Linguistics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design features of language – Universal properties Human and non-human communication Key terms and concepts | 4 | Understand the universal properties of language and the difference between human and non-human communication. |
| 2 | Phonetics and Phonology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articulatory and acoustic phonetics Suprasegmental aspect of speech Phonological theory, processes and rules | 5 | Understand the sound system of language: classification of sounds- vowels and consonants, phonemes and allophones, syllable structure, etc. |
| 3 | Morphology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morphemes: Bound and Free morphemes. Derivational morphology, hierarchical structure, lexical gaps, and rule productivity Grammatical morphemes and Morpheme analysis Morphological operation | 6 | Understand the concepts of morphemes and how words are structured |
| 4 | Syntax <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sentence structure, Heads and complements Phrase structure rules and Phrase Structure Trees Sentence Relatedness: Transformational rules, Universal Grammar principles and parameters | 5 | Understand the concepts of syntax and how sentences are structured with regard to the concept of <i>head</i> |
| 5 | Semantics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lexical semantics Sentence meanings Pragmatics: Linguistic context, Situational context | 5 | Understand the meanings of words and sentences, particularly semantic and pragmatics and the different theoretical perspectives. |
| 6 | Sociolinguistics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language variation and change Dialects and accents Language and gender | 5 | Understand language variation and the attitude toward language and its reflection in the society's views and manner. |
| 7 | Psycholinguistics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language processing models Memory and language Language production and comprehension | 7 | Understand how the mind learns and implements the rules of language. |

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| 8 | Writing System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of writing system Modern writing system Reading, writing and speech | 5 | Understand the different types of writing systems and the relationship between language and writing |
| | TOTAL | 42 | |

Textbooks:

Fromkin, V., Rodman, R., & Hyams, N. (2018). *An Introduction to Language*. (11th ed.). Cengage Learning.

Trask, R. L. (2007). *Language and linguistics: The key concepts*. Taylor & Francis.

W. O'Grady, J. Archibald, M. Aronoff and J. ReesMiller. (2017). *Contemporary Linguistics: An Introduction* (7th ed.). Bedford/St. Martin's.

References:

Dawson, H. C., & Phelan, M. (Eds.). (2011). *Language files: Materials for an introduction to language and linguistics*. (12th ed.). Columbus, OH: Ohio State University Press.

Fasold, R. W., & Connor-Linton, J. (Eds.). (2014). *An introduction to language and linguistics*. Cambridge University Press.

Genetti, C., & Adelman, A. S. (Eds.). (2018). *How languages work: An introduction to language and linguistics*. Cambridge University Press.