

ELG105e An Introduction to Language Systems

Level: 1

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY SEMESTER

E-Learning: BLENDED - Learning is done MAINLY online using interactive study materials in Canvas. Students receive guidance and support from online instructors via discussion forums and emails. This is supplemented with SOME face-to-face sessions. If the course has an exam component, this will be administered on-campus.

Synopsis:

Understanding how language affects social life and its role in human communication is essential for anyone interested in or working in the fields of communication, child development and language teaching. This course introduces the theories and basic concepts in language variation, first and second language acquisition, language processing and language and neurology. It aims to provide students with foundation concepts and skills in the study of language use and language processing, that may also serve as the basis for more in-depth study of sociolinguistics, language acquisition and psycholinguistics.

Topics:

- Language Universals and Dialects
- Social and Stylistic Variation
- Language Acquisition I
- Language Acquisition II
- Processing Language
- Mind and Language

Textbooks:

Parker, Frank and Riley, Kathryn: Linguistics for Non-Linguists (eText version) (2010). Pearson. ISBN-13: 9789814514965

Learning Outcome:

- Define central concepts in the study of language use and language processing
- Discuss the key points of important issues in the study of language systems in relation to language use and language processing
- Explain key concepts related to the study of language use and language processing
- State an informed opinion on basic linguistic issues
- Respond to claims about language teaching and language-related fields based on knowledge of concepts and theories from the study of language systems
- Apply linguistic concepts to natural language data

Assessment Strategies (Evening Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	PRE-CLASS QUIZ 1	5
	PRE-CLASS QUIZ 2	5
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	20
	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 2	20
Overall Examinable Components	Written Exam	50
Total		100