



MANGALORE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

MA ENGLISH

Semester II (Hard Core 6)

ENH 453: ENGLISH LANGUAGE: STRUCTURE AND USAGE

- Hard Core 5 credits (4 lectures and 1 tutorial)
- End semester examination 70 marks
- Internal Assessment 30 marks - Monthly Tests/ Assignments/ Class Reports

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

This course seeks to introduce students to:

- The study of language and modern linguistics
- The different branches of linguistics
- The various approaches to the analysis of language current in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries and thereafter.

COURSE OUTCOME:

By the end of the semester the student will be:

- familiar with the assumptions of modern linguistics
- able to attempt a scientific study of language
- analyze language in an abstract form and arrive at different possible linguistic/grammatical descriptions.

Section A: Introduction to Language and Linguistics

1. Definitions of Linguistics - Features of Language - Human Language and Animal Communication
2. Language variations - Temporal and Spatial - Diglossia, Pidgin and Creole, Isogloss, Dialect and Idiolect

Section B: Phonology

1. Phone - Phoneme - Allophone
2. Ways of establishing Phonemes
3. Phonetic transcription - English Vowels and Consonants - Three-term labels - Stress and Rhythm; Strong and Weak Forms - Major Intonation Patterns - IVE and RP

Section C: Morphology

1. Morph - Morpheme - Allomorph
2. English Morphology and Morphophonemic Changes

Section D: Syntax and Grammars

1. Grammar and Grammars - Linguist's Grammar, pedagogical grammars and Learner's Grammar.
2. Traditional Grammars – Structuralists (Saussure and Bloomfield)- Transformational Generative Grammar (Chomsky)
3. Structure of Noun Phrase and Verb Phrase

References:

1. David Crystal *Linguistics*
2. John Lyons *Language and Linguistics : An Introduction*
3. Noam Chomsky *Aspects of the Theory of Syntax*
4. S K Verma and N Krishnaswamy *Modern Linguistics : An Introduction*
5. O'Connor *Better English Pronunciation*
6. Balasubramanian T. *A Textbook of English Phonetics for Indian Students*
7. Daniel Jones *The Pronunciation of English*
8. A C Gimson *An Introduction to the Pronunciation of English*
9. R H Robins *General Linguistics : An Introductory Survey*
10. TarniPrasad *A Course in Linguistics*

