


**Course: Elective**  
**Fundamental Studies in English Language**

<b>Semester: I</b>	<b>Credits: 4</b>	<b>Subject Code: AMAJEENG123510</b>	<b>Lectures: 60</b>
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**Course Outcomes:**

At the end of this course, the learner will be able to:

- CO1 - Analyse and explain the prescribed Branches of Linguistics and some theories in Modern Linguistics
- CO2 - Apply the various concepts of phonology
- CO3 - Understand Morphology and its various processes
- CO4 - Recall the elements of grammar and syntax

<b>Unit 1: Introduction to Linguistics</b>	<b>15</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Introduction: What is Linguistics? Major Branches of Linguistics – Macro Linguistics (Psycholinguistics, Sociolinguistics, Computational linguistics, Historical linguistics), Micro-Linguistics (Phonology, Morphology, Semantics / Pragmatics, Syntax), Linguistics in the 20th century: A short history; Traditional Linguistics versus Modern Linguistics and the fallacies of Traditional Linguistics.</li> <li>● Ferdinand de Saussure's Structuralist View of Grammar: i) Synchronic and Diachronic Studies ii) Langue and Parole iii) Syntagmatic and Paradigmatic Relations iv) IC Analysis</li> <li>● Chomsky's Theory of Transformational Generative Grammar: i) Language acquisition: The Cognitivist approach ii) Competence and Performance iii) The Concepts of Kernel and Non- Kernel Sentences (i.e. Deep and Surface Structure)</li> <li>● Dell Hymes' Concept of Communicative Competence</li> </ul>	
<b>Unit 2: Phonology</b>	<b>15</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Phonemes of English: Description and Classification</li> <li>● The Concept of Allophones</li> <li>● Syllable: Structure and Types; Syllabic Consonants</li> <li>● Word Stress, Degrees of Stress, Stress Shift, Grammatical Stress</li> <li>● Sentence Stress: Use of Weak and Strong Forms, Tone Groups, The Concept of nucleus (types – end-placed and contrastive), Tone Accents</li> <li>● Intonation Patterns, Use of Tones, Grammatical and Attitudinal Function of Intonation</li> </ul>	
<b>Unit 3: Morphology</b>	<b>15</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Concepts of Morpheme and Allomorph</li> <li>● Types of Morphemes- Free, Bound, Lexical, Grammatical, Inflectional, Derivational</li> <li>● Processes of Word Formation</li> <li>● Morphophonemic changes, Phonological and Morphological Conditioning</li> <li>● Problems of Morphological Analysis</li> </ul>	

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<b>Unit 4: Syntax: A Descriptive View</b>	<b>15</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Elements of Grammar</li> <li>● The Simple Sentence</li> <li>● The Complex Sentence– Coordination and Subordination</li> <li>● Sentence Connection – Substitution and Ellipsis</li> </ul>	

**Recommended Text Books:**

- Balasubramanian, T., *A Textbook of English Phonetics for Indian Students*. Macmillan, 1985
- Bansal, R. K. and J. B. Harrison. *Spoken English for India*. New Delhi: Orient Longman, 1972
- Leech, G N. *Principles of Pragmatics*. London: Longman, 1983
- Palmer, Frank. *Semantics*. Cambridge. CUP, 1982
- Quirk, R, S. Greenbaum. *A University Grammar of English*. London: Longman, 1973
- Verma and Krishnaswamy. *Modern Linguistics: An Introduction*. Oxford: OUP, 1989
- Yule, George. *The Study of Language* (4th edition). Cambridge University Press, 2010

**Reference Books:**

- Akmajian, et al. *Linguistics: An Introduction to Language and Communication*. Prentice Hall of India: New Delhi, 1995
- Anderson, W. L. and Stageberg, N. C. *Introductory Readings on Language*, Holt, Rinehart & Wilson (4th ed.). New York, 1975
- Chomsky, Noam. *Aspects of the Theory of Syntax*. Cambridge: MIT Press, 1985.
- Cook, Guy. *Applied Linguistics*. Oxford: OUP, 2003
- Crystal, David. *A Dictionary of Linguistics and Phonetics*. Cambridge: Blackwell. 1980 (rpt. 2008)
- Crystal, David. *The Cambridge Encyclopaedia of Language*. Cambridge: CUP, 1987
- Gimson, A. C. *An Introduction to The Pronunciation of English*, Revised Edition. 1996
- Hudson, R. A. *Sociolinguistics*. Cambridge: CUP, 2003
- Koach, P. *English Phonetics and Phonology*. CUP, 1983
- Krishnaswamy, Verma and Nagarajan. *Modern Applied Linguistics*. Macmillan, 1992
- Levinson, S. C. *Pragmatics*. Cambridge: CUP, 1983
- Kennedy, Graeme. *Structure and Meaning in English*. New Delhi: Pearson, 2011
- Lyons, J. *Language, Meaning and Context*. Cambridge: CUP, 1981
- Lyons, J. *Language and Linguistics*. Cambridge: CUP, 1981
- Lyons, J. *Semantics*, Vols. 1 & 2. Cambridge: CUP, 1977



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