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# SYLLABUS OF LINGUISTICS COURSE

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## 1. Description of the Course

This course presents details about theories and approaches to modern linguistics that were flourished in the 20th century, led by F. De Saussure, L. Bloomfield, E. Sapir and N. Chomsky. These series of lessons will be divided into units and main themes. They will spot light on the main schools of linguistics in Europe and America across the two semesters. The lessons will present the three main schools of linguistics of the 20th century: structural, functional and Mentalist. The course will also introduce to interdisciplinary fields of sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics and applied linguistics.

## 2. Objectives of the Course

The main objective of the course is to make the L2 students aware of importance of get acquainted with the history of linguistics contribution to language studies and its teaching and learning as well.

## 3. Prerequisites

Students are basically required to have good knowledge in first-year lessons about the basic concepts of language and linguistics. They should be able to understand linguistics terms; they should be to write good and effective paragraphs.

Month	Week.	SYLLABUS OF LINGUISTICS COURSE
September	1.	General Revision : basic concepts about language
		and linguistics
October		UNIT I: EUROPEAN STRUCTURALISM
	1.	LESSON 01: Introduction to Modern Linguistics
		- Traditional grammar vs. Modern linguistics History of modern linguistics
	2.	<ul> <li>Modern schools of linguistics</li> <li>Principle of modern linguistics</li> </ul>
	3.	LESSON 02 : Structural linguistics in Europe:
		Ferdinand de Saussure Theory- Geveva School
		- Langue et Parole
		- Signifier and Signified
	4.	- Synchronic and diachronic
November	1.	<ul> <li>Syntagmatic and paradigmatic relations</li> <li>LESSON 03 : Prague school of linguistics</li> </ul>
November		- History of Prague school
		- Combination of functionalism and structuralism
	2.	- Phonological contributions
		- Theory of Markedness
		- Major concepts
	3.	LESSON 4 : London School of linguistics
		- The school's primary contribution to linguistics
		- The main scholars of London school
	4.	LESSON 05: Copenhagen School of linguistics
		- Linguistic circle of Copenhagen school
		- Basic theoretical framework- Glossematics
December		UNIT TWO: AMERICAN STRUCTURALISM
	1.	LESSON 06: American Structuralism
		- From Anthropology to Language Studies
		- Principles of American structuralism
	2.	- Difference between American and European
		structuralism
		- Influence of behaviorism on American
		structuralism
		- Exams – semester 03

Ionuor	2	LESSON 07: American structural linguists	
January	3.	- Franz Boas	
		- Edward Sapir	
	4.	- Benjamin Lee Whorf - Whorf-Sapir Hypothesis	
		- Leonard Bloomfield - Immediate constituent	
		analysis	
February	1.	LESSON 08: Post-Bloomfieldian era	
		Four main post-Bloomfieldian linguists	
		- Zellig Harris (1909-1992)	
		- Charles Francis Hockett (1916 – 2000)	
		- Kenneth Lee Pike (1912 –2000)	
		- Sydney MacDonald Lamb (1929)	
	UNIT 03: CONTEMPORARY APPROACHES TO LINGUISTICS		
	2.	Lesson 09: Transformational Generative Grammar	
		- Who is Chomsky?	
		- What is TGG?	
	3.	- Key concepts in TGG	
	4.	Lesson 10: FUNCTIONAL LINGUISTICS	
		- Formalism vs. functionalism	
		- Systemic functional linguistics	
March	1.	- Functions of language	
		- Communicative function of language	
	UNIT FOUR: LINGUISTICS AND OTHER DISCIPLINES		
	2.	Lesson 11: Applied Linguistics	
		- Definition	
		- History of applied linguistics	
		- The Scopes of Applied Linguistic	
April	1.	Lesson 12: introduction to Sociolinguistics	
		- Definition	
		- The scope of sociolinguistics	
	2.	Lesson 13: introduction to psycholinguistics	
		- Definition	
		- General issues of psycholinguistics	
	3.	GENERAL REVISION	

**Requirements:** to guarantee students success, they have to comprehend the presented lessons across the four units and to do their tasks. Since the lessons are to expose knowledge about language, the students will take part in the comprehension of the lesson using a form of group discussion.

**Assessment:** in a summative manner, Students are assessed and evaluated through a term exam at the end of the two semesters. Moreover, they will be formatively assessed using two tests over 10 for each across each semester.

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