Master of Arts in Linguistics

(Two Year Degree programme) Department of Linguistics Faculty of Humanities

- **01. Name of the Course:** Master of Arts Two year Degree Programme in Linguistics (M A in Linguistics)
- **02. Aims and Objectives:** This programme is designed to enhance the awareness of the nature, structure and function of language in general, and to develop the candidates' ability to execute linguistic knowledge in dealing with practical activities related to the candidates' own language, it will also encourage candidates to do research on, one or the other aspect of the language as selected by them.

03. Learning Outcomes

By the end of this programme, the candidate will be able to analyze language structure and the capability for methodical teaching and learning of language will be developed significantly, students will gain considerable knowledge of language planning, identification of psychological processes and biological functions of language, language disabilities and clinical linguistics. Further, the candidates will enhance their ability to resolve practical problems related to language as well as their competence in engaging in higher research studies on language.

04. Entry Requirements

A degree with not less than three academic years obtained from a recognized university or such higher education institution which gives degrees, recognized by University Grants Commission.

05. Duration : Two years

06. Nature of Course:Week end course07. Medium:English / Sinhala

08. No. of Credits : 60 Credits

09. Composition of the Course : First year – Taught Course,

Second year – Research Component

The course consists of seven (07) compulsory course units.

Cord No	Course Units and research component	No. of	Course
		Credits	types
Yea I	Compulsory		
LING 53114	Basics in Linguistics and Linguistics Research	04	Core
LING 53124	Phonetics and Phonology	04	Core
LING 53134	Sociolinguistics and Historical Linguistics	04	Core
LING 53145	Morphology and Syntax	05	Core
LING 53155	Applied Linguistics	05	Core
LING 53164	Structure of English/Sinhala	04	Core
LING 53174	Psycholinguistics and Semantics	04	Core
Year II	Research Component		
LING 6388W	Dissertation	30	Core

10) Teaching Methodology:

Lectures, Seminars, Workshops and a research project.

11) Evaluation Procedure: Assignments, in-class test and

written examination

1. Assignments, in-class test and written examination

1.1 Assignments:

The following modules have assignments that should be submitted two weeks before the end of the lecture. (Socio-linguistics and Historical Linguistics, Morphology and Syntax, Applied Linguistics, Structure of English/Sinhala).each assignment will be given 20% marks.

1.2 In-class test:

The following modules consist of an in-class-test two weeks before the end of the lecture. (Basics in Linguistics and Linguistics Research, Phonetics and Phonology, Psycho - linguistics and Semantics) Candidates will obtain 20% marks from each test.

1.3 Mini Dissertation:

The following module requires on mini dissertation at the end of the module "Basics in Linguistics and Linguistics Research" Candidates will obtain 80% marks for the dissertation.

1.4 Written Examination:

The written examination will be held at the end of the first year; There will be six question papers (compulsory) of three hours each.

2. Research Component

- 2.1 A period of 36 weeks is given to conduct the research and write dissertation.
- 2.2 Participation in two workshops held at the commencement of second year of study on research methods is compulsory for all the candidates.
- 2.3. During the second academic year the candidates should present two seminar papers on the research project selected by him/her.
- 2.4 The repeat candidates are given the opportunity to carry out the research and write the dissertation subject to the completion of the repeat course unit or units.
- 2.5 The repeat candidates are given the opportunity to submit the dissertation at the end of the relevant academic year, but the viva will be held after completion of all requirements.

3. Viva

The candidates who have pass the written examination and the dissertation are required to sit for the viva based on his/her the dissertation.

4. Maximum Duration

The candidates are allowed a maximum period of **four** (**04**) consecutive academic years from the date of registration in the course, to fulfill the requirements mentioned above.

12) Evaluation Criteria;

I. General Pass

For the award of a Master's Degree a student must accumulate grades of B- (B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits within three consecutive academic years with a GPA of 2.70 or greater.

II. Merit pass

For the award of a Master's Degree with Course Work with Merit a student must accumulate grades of B-(B minus) or better in course units aggregating to at least 30 credits within one academic year with a GPA of 3.70 or greater, and obtain grades of A or better in course units aggregating to at least 50% of total credits for the course units considered above.

III. Repeat

A student who does not obtain a grade B- (*B minus*) or better in a particular course unit may re-sit the examination of that course unit in the following academic year in order to improve the grade. The best grade obtainable by a student in this instance would be B- (*B minus*). In the event a student obtains a lower grade while attempting to better the grade, he/she will be entitled to the previous grade.

13) Grading System:

Marks obtained in respect of a course units will be graded according to a twelve-category system as follows.

Range of Marks	Grade	GPA
85 - 100	A+	4.00
70-84	A	4.00
65-69	A-	3.70
60-64	B+	3.30
55-59	В	3.00
50-54	B-	2.70
45-49	C+	2.30
40-44	С	2.00
35- 39	C-	1.70
30-34	D+	1.30
25-29	D	1.00
00-24	Е	0.00

Course Code : LING 53114

Course Title: Basics in Linguistics and Linguistic Research

Type/Status : Compulsory

Course Content:

Definitions of Language.

Design features of Language.

Formal analysis: Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology, Syntax and Semantics. (Basic

knowledge)

Structural components: Phones, Phonemes, Morphemes, Phrases, Sentences and

semames.

Sub-disciplines of general linguistics: Sociolinguistics, Psycholinguistics, Applied

linguistics act.

Linguistic research methodology.

Scheme of Evaluation : In-class test / submit mini dissertation

Course Code : LING 53124

Course Title: Phonetics and phonology

Type/Status: Compulsory

Course Contents:

Defining 'Phonetics' and introducing its main phonological and Impart knowledge on theoretical methods used in Phonemic Analysis (It is expected to practice practical exercises through problems related to phonemics

Scheme of Evaluation : In-class test / Team paper

End-of-year examination

Course Code : LING 53134

Course Title: Sociolinguistics and Historical Linguistics

Type/Status: Compulsory

Course Contents:

Theories and ideas introduced by Sociolinguists on Communicative competence.

Linguistic Varieties and social relationship.

Urban and rural dialectology.

Diglossia, bilingualism and non-verbal communication.

The origin and development of the 19th century comparative and historical linguistics.

Synchronic and diachronic dimensions of linguistic analysis.

Language evolution in relation to language acquisition device and socio-cultural evolution of speech community.

Types and mechanisms of language change.

Language contact and its impact on linguistic evolution.

Scheme of Evaluation: Assignment / Team paper / In-class test

End-of-year examination

Course Code : LING 53145

Course Title : Morphology and Syntax

Type/Status: Compulsory

Course Contents :

Identification of basic concept of Morphemic analysis based on the teachings of the structural linguistic schools.

Identification of morphology,

Identification of word and word structure,

Identify word formation process its limitations and morphophonemic.

Identify constitute parts of word in Sinhala, English and Tamil.

Describe development of morphological theory in 20th Century.

Introduction to Syntax Place of Syntax in linguistic analysis.

Intrinsic nature of Syntax

Various supposition surveys on Syntax Syntagmatic and paradigmatic relations Sentence.

Definition, classification and segmentation Sentence categories.

Defining words and phrases Words, phrases and their grammatical relationships.

New trends in syntax Introduction to Generative Transformational Theory.

The theoretical and empirical significance of the Generative Transformational Theory.

Scheme of Evaluation: Assignment / Team paper / In-class test

End-of-year examination

Course Code : LING 53155

Course Title : Applied Linguistics

Type/Status: Compulsory

Course Contents :

Teaching and learning of second and foreign languages, Translation methods, stylistic and other relevant areas

Influence of structural linguistics on second and foreign language teaching and a detailed study on theoretical development of language teaching.

Contrastive analysis and error analysis: language learning theories which caused the origin of those analysis.

Student centered education and internal and external factors that influence the students towards learning language successfully.

General understanding on language teaching methods developed in 20th Century, (Eg: The Direct method, The Audio-lingual method, The Silent way) superseding traditional teaching methods (Grammar Translation Method)

Deep study on the Communicative Approach which is being popularized towards language teaching.

Rough understanding on knowledge developed based on researches that are presently being carried out on learning and teaching to read and write mother tongue.

Scheme of Evaluation: Assignment / Team paper / In-class test

End-of-year examination

Course Code : LING 53164

Course Title : Structure of English/Sinhala

Type/Status: Compulsory

Course Contents:

The English/Sinhala sound system and the orthography; their mutual relationship.

The morphological system: inflection and derivation, grammatical categories,

The syntactic system: simple and complex sentences, the clause structure, the diglossic differences.

Varieties of the dialects, registers, discourse styles.

Stylistic variations of the written English/Sinhala.

Unique features of the language: phonological, morphological and syntactic.

Scheme of Evaluation: Assignment / Team paper / In-class test

End-of-year examination

Course Code : LING 53174

Course Title : Psycholinguistics and Semantics

Type/Status: Compulsory

Course Contents :

Language as a specific competence of human beings, the psychological process of the Language, biological relationship between the brain and the language, the first Language acquisition of normal children and mentally retarded children.

Defining of 'Meaning' and discussion of semantic Units.

Discussion of language - speech, sentence - utterance, text, context and speech situation.

Branches of Semantics, Principles of Logical Semantics: intuitive knowledge of meaning, entailment, presupposition, denotation, connotation,

Scheme of Evaluation : In-class test / Team paper

End-of-year examination

Course Code : LING 6388W

Course Unit : DissertationType/Status : Compulsory

Aim : The aim of this course is:

(a) To write a dissertation based on selected linguistic area.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course the students will be able to write a dissertation having not less than 90 pages, through practical use of linguistic principles. This will provide the scholars with training to engage in researches using knowledge of linguistic attained so far.

Teaching Methodology:

Lectures on research methodology, presentation of seminar papers related to the research topics, providing relevant instructions and guidelines through the instructors

Evaluation: Presentation of seminar papers,

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