# **Master of Arts in Linguistics**

# (Two Year Degree Programme) Department of Linguistics Faculty of Humanities

- **01. Name of the course:** Master of Arts **One-year / Two-year Degree** Programme in Linguistics (MA 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 the knowledge on linguistics in dealing with practical activities related to the candidates' native language. It will also encourage candidates to conduct research on, one or the others aspects of language as selected by them.

#### **03. Learning outcomes:**

By the end of this programme, candidates will be able to analyse language structure, diachronic aspects of language analysis, and the capability for methodical teaching and learning of language significantly. Candidates will gain considerable knowledge of language and society, identification of psychological processes and biological functions of language. Further, the candidates will enhance the ability to resolve practical problems related to language as well as the 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 offers degrees, recognized by the University Grants Commission.

| 05. Duration                         | : | One- year / Two -years           |
|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| 06. Nature of course                 | : | Weekend course                   |
| 07. Medium                           | : | English / Sinhala                |
| 08. Number of credits                | : | 30 Credits / 60 Credits          |
| <b>09.</b> Composition of the course | : | First year – Course work         |
|                                      |   | Second year – Research component |

The course consists of six (06) / seven (07) compulsory course units.

| Code              | Course units and research component    | No. of credits | Туре |
|-------------------|--|----------------|------|
| Year I            | Compulsory                             |                |      |
| LING 53115        | Phonetics and Phonology                | 05             | Core |
| LING 53125        | Morphology and Syntax                  | 05             | Core |
| LING 53135        | Historical Linguistics                 | 05             | Core |
| LING 53145        | Applied Linguistics                    | 05             | Core |
| LING 53155        | Sociolinguistics and Psycholinguistics | 05             | Core |
| LING 53165        | Semantics                              | 05             | Core |
| Number of Credits |  | 30             |      |
| Year II           | Research Component                     | •              |      |
| LING 6388W        | Dissertation                           | 30             | Core |

#### **10. Teaching methodology:**

Lectures, seminars, workshops, and or a research work.

#### **11. Evaluation procedure:**

Assignments, in-class test, year-end written examination, and or viva voce for dissertation

#### **12. Written examination:**

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

#### 13. Maximum duration for the complete of the course

- 1. A candidate who follows the **one-year course** work is allowed a **maximum period of two (02)** consecutive academic years from the date of registration
- 2. A candidate who follows the **two -years course** are allowed a <u>maximum period of four (04)</u> consecutive academic years from the date of registration

#### 14. Evaluation criteria

• Refer to the Faculty of Graduate Studies Guidelines for Post Graduate Programme

#### 15. Grading system:

• Refer to the Faculty of Graduate Studies Guidelines for Post Graduate Programme

#### 16. Format and Submission of Thesis

#### a. Format

• Refer to the Faculty of Graduate Studies Guidelines for Post Graduate Programme

#### b. Submission

• Two temporarily bound copies of the thesis should be handed over to the department of Linguistics with the signature of supervisor

#### 17. Evaluation of Thesis

- I. After submission of thesis, two examiners will be appointed by the Department of Linguistics.
- II. On submission of the thesis, and the receipt of the examiners' reports, the candidate will be called for an oral examination (also called viva voce). After the oral examination, the examiners may recommend.
  - a. Acceptance of the thesis as is
  - b. Acceptance of the thesis subject to minor corrections
  - c. Acceptance of the thesis subject to major corrections
  - d. Rejection of the thesis

- III. A candidate must obtain a minimum grade of B- for thesis and in all components (examinations/seminars/presentations).
- IV. The candidate will be given either three months, at the discretion of the Board of Examiners, to re-submit the thesis, based on the changes pointed out by the examiners.
- V. Once the changes are made, and accepted by the Supervisor/s, the candidate must present two hardbound copies to the Department of Linguistics.
- VI. Two final copies must be sewn and hardbound, with gold lettering on the spine, showing the name with the initials of the candidate, the degree for which the thesis is submitted, and the year of submission. The two hardbound copies should reflect the degree awarded to the candidate, as follows:

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- VII. One copy of the final thesis will be deposited in the University Library, and thereafter will be subjected to the rules and regulations governing the Library.
- VIII. The candidate should keep a hard copy and a soft copy for personal use.
- IX. When submitting the final version of the thesis, an electronic version of the Abstract and the full version in CD form in UNICODE should be submitted to the Department of Linguistics.

- Course Title : Phonetics and Phonology
- Type/Status : Compulsory

#### **Learning Outcomes :**

Identification of the nature of the human languages and the principles of Phonetics and Phonology. Define Phonetics and Phonology and impart sufficient knowledge on the production and classification of speech sounds, and criteria and method of Phonemic analysis.

#### **Course Contents:**

#### **Phonetics**

Give definitions of 'Phonetics' and introduce its main braches: articulatory, acoustic and auditory. Speech organs, speech mechanisms and the production of speech sounds. Obstruction of the air stream and classification of speech sounds Segmental and supra segmental sounds Segmental sounds: vowels and consonants

Supra segmental sounds: Pitch Stress Tone Intonation

## Phonology

Phonology has many theories such as Phonemics, Prosodic Phonology, and Generative Phonology. In this course Phonemics is taught

Basic principles of Phonemics and understanding on its theoretical and practical value.

Get an understanding and knowledge on the basic concepts related to phonemic analysis, practical training on phonemic analysis and of theoretical methods in Phonemic Analysis and Problems related to phonemics.

#### **Teaching and Learning Methodology:**

Lectures and oral presentations

Evaluation: Assignments, presentation of Seminar papers, and year end written examination

Course Title : Morphology and Syntax

Type/Status : Compulsory

#### Learning Outcomes:

Identification of basic Principles of Morphology and Syntax and gain Understanding of its theoretical and practical value.

Get an understanding and knowledge on the basic concepts related to Morphological and Syntax analyses, Practical training of Morphological and Syntactic analysis and of theoretical methods in Morpholodical and Syntactic Analysis and Problems related to Phonology and Syntax.

#### **Course Contents:**

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 and their grammatical relationships.

New trends in syntax Introduction to Generative Transformational Theory.

The theoretical and empirical significance of the Generative Transformational Theory.

#### **Teaching and Learning Methodology:**

Lectures and oral presentations

Evaluation: Assignments, presentation of Seminar papers, In - class test and year end written examination

**Course Title :** Historical Linguistics

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Type/Status : Compulsory

#### **Learning Outcomes:**

Introduce the basic Principles of Historical Linguistics and direct the scholars towards languages analysis through those theories

#### **Course Contents**

Introduction to the subject areas pertaining to Historical Linguistics

The origin and development of the 19<sup>th</sup> 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 of language change: Phonetic and Phonemic change Grammatical change Semantic change

Mechanisms of language change: Sound change and Analogy

Relative chronology in relation to sound change The comparative reconstruction method The internal reconstruction method Classification of languages.

#### **Teaching and Learning Methodology**:

Lectures and oral presentations

Evaluation: Assignments, presentation of Seminar papers, In - class test and year end written examination

Course Title : Applied Linguistics

Type/Status : Compulsory

Learning Outcomes:

Obtain a general understanding of the different areas of Applied Linguistics and a sound knowledge of Applied Linguistic approach towards second and foreign language teaching and learning.

#### **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **Teaching and Learning Methodology:**

Lectures and oral presentations

Evaluation: Assignments, presentation of Seminar papers, In – class test and year end written examination

Course Title : Socio Linguistics and Psycholinguistics

Type/Status : Compulsory

#### Learning Outcomes:

Obtain understanding and knowledge on studies and different theories presented from the origin of Psycholinguistics and Sociolinguistics up to date

#### **Course Contents**

Theories and ideas introduced by Sociolinguists on Communicative competence.

Linguistic Varieties and social relationship.

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Urban and rural dialectology.

Diglossia, non-verbal bilingualism communication.

#### **Psycholinguistics**

Subject area of Psycholinguistics

Background and principles

Language acquisition,

Language, Human beings and Animal world;

Philosophical views on languages;

Language acquisition as a biological factor;

Reflection of mind through language and the relationship between the psychological language studies and theoretical language suppositions

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

#### **Teaching and Learning Methodology:**

Lectures and oral presentations

Evaluation: Assignments, presentation of Seminar papers, In – class test and year end written examination

Course Title : Semantics

Type/Status : Compulsory

#### Learning Outcomes:

Identification of the nature of 'Meaning' and the principles of Semantics. Define Semantics

#### **Course Contents :**

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,

The relationship between Text and Context and the Principles of Pragmatics. Deixis, Speech Acts, Pre- Supposition, Conversational Implicatares and Discourse Analysis.

Scheme of Evaluation: In-class test / Team paper End-of-year examination

## Course Code : LING 6388W

| Course Unit : I | Dissertation |
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Type/Status : Compulsory

: The aim of this course is:

(a) To write a **<u>dissertation</u>** based on selected linguistic area.

### Learning Outcomes :

Aim

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.

#### List of Reading - LING 53115 (Phonetics and Phonology)

- කරුණාතිලක, ඩබ්ලිව්. ඇස්., විපේතුංග, රත්න., රාජපක්ෂ, ආර්. එම්. ඩබ්. 1995, වාග්විදහා ප්රේශය (1සහ 2 පරි.), දර්ශක, කැළණිය.
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- 9. Sweet, Henry., 1890, A Primer of Phonetics, The Clarenton Press, Oxford.
- 10. Chomsky, N., Morris., Halle, 1968, The Sound Pattern of English, Harper and Row, New York.
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#### List of Reading - LING 53145 (Applied Linguistics)

- 1. Brown, H. D., 1994, Principles of Language Learning and Teaching., U.S.A.
- 2. Carter, Ronald., 1993, Introducing Applied Linguistics, Penguin.
- 3. Klein, Walfgang, 1994, Second Language Acquisition, Cambridge University Press.
- 4. Larsen-Freeman, Diane, 2007: Techniques and Principles in Language Teaching, Oxford University press, New Delhi.
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