

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur

Proposal for a New Course

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1. Course No:ENG4**

2. Course Title:Language Contact

3. Per Week Lectures: (3+0+0+0) = 9

Duration of Course: Full Semester

4. Proposing Department/IDP : Humanities and Social Sciences

Other Departments/IDPs which may be interested in the proposed course: N/A

Other faculty members interested in teaching the proposed course: N/A

5. Proposing Instructor(s):Chaithra Puttaswamy

6. Course Description:

A) Objectives:

To introduce students to the broad area of contact linguistics and provide an understanding of the various approaches to the study of language contact and its outcomes. A familiarity with the methodologies used to study languages in contact will enable the students to:

- identify a contact situation and describe the outcome of contact.
- identify contact features in a linguistic variety.
- Explore the motivation for language change.

B) Contents (preferably in the form of 5 to 10 broad titles):

Sl No.	Topic	Number of Lectures
1	Defining language contact	3
2	Approaches to language contact	3
3	Classification of language contact	2
4	Language Maintenance situations	6
5	Convergence areas	2
6	Bilingualism	4
7	Attrition and endangerment	4
8	Pidgins and creoles	6
9	Contact based explanations of language change	6
10	Contact and grammaticalisation	4

C) Pre-requisites: NONE

D) Short summary for including in the Courses of Study Booklet

The study of the impact of interaction between speakers of different linguistic groups is language Contact. The contact maybe geographically contiguous, social or long distance such as through books and electronic media. The course aims to provide an insight into the

methodologies used to study languages in contact. This will enable the students to identify a contact situation and describe the outcome of contact. The exploration of the motivation of language change will aid in identifying the contact features in a linguistic variety.

7. Recommended books:

Reference Books:

Annamalai, E. 2001. *Managing Multilingualism in India*. New Delhi: Sage

Bhaita, Tej and William T Rirchie (eds). 2013. *The Handbook of bilingualism and multilingualism*. Wiley-Blackwell.

Hickey, Raymond. 2010. *Handbook of Language Contact*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing Limited.

Matras, Yaran. 2012. *Language Contact*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Myers-Scotton, Carol. 2002. *Contact Linguistics: Bilingual Encounters and Grammatical Outcomes*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Romaine, Susan. 1988. *Pidgin and Creole Languages*. Orient Longmann.

Romaine, Susan. 1989. *Bilingualism*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing Limited.

Thomason, Sarah. 2001. *Language Contact: An Introduction*. Washington DC: Georgetown University Press.

Winford, D. 2003. *An Introduction to Contact Linguistics*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing Limited.

8. Any other remarks:

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Proposer: Chaithra Puttaswamy

DUGC/DPGC Convener: _____

The course is approved / not approved

Chairman, SUGC/SPGC

Dated: 10/04/2024

