

UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

STRUCTURE, COURSES & SYLLABI OF SEMESTER -I



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Department of English

COURSES OFFERED BY DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE) LANGUAGE COURSES

GENERIC ELECTIVES LANGUAGE COURSES (GE Language 1) English Language through Literature-I

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
English Language Through Literature-I	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII	NIL

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To develop in students the ability and confidence to process, understand and examine different kinds of texts-verbal and written-that they encounter in everyday life.
- To enable students to identify and understand social contexts and ethical frameworks in the texts they encounter.
- To encourage suitable research—to recognize sources; to distinguish fact from opinion/editorialization; produce objective versus subjective pieces
- To learn skilled comprehension; listening/reading; skimming; summarizing; précis writing; paraphrasing; note making

- To identify key topics/arguments/ideas
- To accomplish writing goals: creating an essay; writing a thesis statement; producing topic sentences; developing organised paragraphs; evolving the skill of producing suitable transitions between paragraphs
- To enable students to write in expository argumentative and descriptive modes
- To help students identify and use the characteristic features of various writing forms: letters; programmes reports/press-releases; newspaper; feature articles; fiction and nonfiction
- To enable students to choose between expository, argumentative, descriptive and narrative writing styles to assemble their own writing

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will be able to inculcate confident expression.
- Students will be able to articulate their own views confidently as their language skills sufficiently empower them to converse, research and collate information from various textual sources—verbal or written.

SYLLABUS OF GE LANGUAGE-1-

UNIT – I (14 weeks-1 hour/week)

UNIT 1: Understanding Everyday Texts.

1. Edwards, Adrian ‘Forced displacement worldwide at its highest in decades’
*UNHCRorg*UNHCR

<http://www.unhcr.org/afr/news/stories/2017/6/5941561f4/forced-displacement-worldwide-its-highest-decades.html#> Accessed 1st June, 2022

2. Jadhav, Radheshyam ‘Groom wanted: Trader peon...anyone but a farmer’ *Times News Network*. 1st Jan, 2018

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/groom-wanted-trader-peon-anyone-but-a-farmer/articleshow/62321832.cms> Accessed 1st June, 2022

3. Knapton, Sarah ‘Selfitis’ -- the obsessive need to post selfies-- is a genuine mental disorder say psychologists’ *The Telegraph*. 15th December 2017

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/science/2017/12/15/selfitis-obsessive-need-post-selfies-genuine-mental-disorder/> Accessed 1st June 2022

4. ‘13 letters every parent every child should read on Children’s Day’ *The Indian Express*. 10th November 2014

<http://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/feelings/12-letters-every-parent-every-child-should-read-on-childrens-day/> Accessed 1st June 2022

UNIT – II (14 weeks-1 hour/week)

UNIT 2: Understanding Drama

5. Lakshmi, CS. (i) ‘Ambai’ (ii) ‘Crossing the River’, *Staging Resistance: Plays by Women in Translation*. Ed. Tutun Mukherjee, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005.

UNIT – III (14 weeks-1 hour/week)

UNIT 3: Understanding Poetry

6. Angelou, Maya. 'Caged Bird', *The Complete Collected Poems of Maya Angelou*. New York: Random House Inc, 1994.
7. Ezekiel, Nissim. 'Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa TS', *Collected Poems*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2005.
8. Okara, Gabriel. 'Once Upon a Time', *Gabriel Okara: Collected Poems*. Nebraska: University of Nebraska, 2016.
9. Lawrence, DH. 'Last Lesson of the Afternoon', *The Complete Poems of DH Lawrence*. Hertfordshire: Wordsworth Editions, 1994.

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings- as listed in the units

Suggestive readings- NIL

GENERIC ELECTIVES LANGUAGE COURSES (GE Language 2) Digital Communication-I

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Digital Communication-I	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII	NIL

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To hone skills for online communication and provide interpersonal skills required in the digital world.
- To effectively present themselves in personal and professional capacities using online mediums.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will be able to understand and learn globally emerging forms of digital communication in English and effectively communicate in their everyday contexts be it in social or professional situations.

SYLLABUS OF GE LANGUAGE-2

UNIT – I (14 weeks-1 hour/week)

UNIT I: Constructing a Self

1. Creating a personal/professional profile for social media. (Facebook, LinkedIn etc.)
2. Striking up formal, informal conversations (register, tone, vocabulary)
3. Social Media etiquette

UNIT – II (14 weeks-1 hour/week)

UNIT II: Expressing the Self

1. Blogs, Facebook posts (expressing likes and dislikes)
2. Formal and informal correspondence (emails, making announcements on social groups: expressing/ declining interests, making requests, sharing information)
3. Acknowledging and negotiating opinions

UNIT – III (14 weeks-1 hour/week)

UNIT III: Expressing Visually

1. Introducing oneself in a vlog (how to create a narrative: biography, autobiography)
2. Striking a rapport/connecting with viewers/audience (colloquial language, discourse markers)
3. Moderating content (integrating narrative with visuals/images)

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings- as listed in the units

Suggestive readings- NIL

GENERIC ELECTIVES LANGUAGE COURSES (GE Language 3) English Fluency-I

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
English Fluency-I	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII	NIL

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To describe or express their opinions on topics of personal interest such as their experiences of events, their hopes and ambitions.
- To read and understand information on topical matters and explain the advantages and disadvantages of a situation.
- To write formal letters, personal notes, blogs, reports and texts on familiar matters.
- To comprehend and analyse texts in English.
- To organise and write paragraphs and short essays in a variety of rhetorical styles.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will be able to effectively communicate in their everyday contexts.
- Students will be equipped with skills that will help them interact with people around their personal, institutional and social spaces.

SYLLABUS OF GE LANGUAGE-3-

UNIT – I (14 weeks-1 hour/week)

UNIT I: In the domestic sphere

1. Diary
2. Modifiers, Prepositions, Conjunctions
3. Write a diary entry and convert it into a blog post
4. Convert a transcript/ script/ piece of dialogue into a diary entry/ blog post

Readings:

1. Morgan, Esther. 'The Lost Word', *New Writing*. ed. Penelope Lively and George Szirtes, Picador India, 2001.
2. Sharma, Natasha. *Squiggle Gets Stuck: All About Muddled Sentences*. India: Penguin Books Limited, 2016.

UNIT – II (14 weeks-1 hour/week)

UNIT II: In the University

1. Introducing oneself -- Note-making
 2. Pronunciation Intonation – Nouns, Verbs, Articles
 3. Blog writing
- A. Introduce yourselves as individuals and as groups -- group discussion exercise Take notes on your fellow students' introductions.
- B. Introduce characters from the text you are reading via posters

Readings:

1. Ghose, Premola. *Tales of Historic Delhi*. Zubaan, 2011.

UNIT – III (14 weeks-1 hour/week)

UNIT III: In public places

1. CV Job applications

2. Tenses and concord

A. Write the CV of a fictional character

B. Write the perfect job application for your dream job

Readings:

1. Chakrabarti, Nirendranath. 'Amalkanti', *The Oxford Anthology of Modern Indian Poetry*. ed. Vinay Dharwadkar and A.K. Ramanujan, India: Oxford University Press, 1994.

2. Anand, S., et al. *Bhimayana: Incidents in the Life of Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar*. India: Navayana Pub, 2011. pp 60-71

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings- as listed in the units

Suggestive readings: NIL

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.

GENERIC ELECTIVES LANGUAGE COURSES (GE Language 4) Developing English Language Skills-I

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Developing English Language Skills-I	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII	NIL

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To enhance comprehension skills and enrich vocabulary through the reading of short and simple passages with suitable tasks built around these.
- To introduce simple syntactical structures and basic grammar to students through contextualized settings and ample practice exercises so that they can engage in short independent compositions.
- To introduce the sounds of the language and the essentials of English pronunciation to students in order to remove the inhibitions experienced by them while speaking English.
- To acquaint students with social formulae used to perform various everyday functions so that they can converse in English in simple situations.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will be able to read and write in English with confidence.
- The course will help in increasing their proficiency in English, increase their vocabulary and improve their comprehension of syntactical structures

SYLLABUS OF GE LANGUAGE-4-

UNIT – I (14 weeks-1 hour/week)

UNIT 1: Reading & Vocabulary–I

1. Strategies for language learning;
2. various ways of reading;
3. understanding different text types like newspaper articles, poems, stories, etc. through a variety of textual tasks such as reading aloud, sentence completion, true/false activities, re-ordering jumbled sentences, supplying alternative titles, short comprehension questions, etc.

Readings:

1. A Foundation English Course for Undergraduates: Book II. Delhi: University of Delhi, 1992. pp 8–10, 47–49
2. Developing Language Skills I. Delhi: Manohar, 1997. pp 61–69
3. English at the Workplace. Delhi: Macmillan, 2006. pp 1–3, 16–20
4. Everyday English. Delhi: Pearson, 2005. pp 21–31
5. Everyday English 2. Delhi: Foundation Books, 2006. pp 95 – 100

UNIT – II (14 weeks-1 hour/week)

UNIT 2: Writing & Grammar–I

1. Understanding the structure of written texts by identifying topic sentences and supporting details.
2. summarizing passages.
3. expanding ideas, subjects and topics.
4. the steps involved in the process of good writing.
5. Revising key topics in grammar: subject - verb agreement, tenses, articles, prepositions.

Readings:

1. A Foundation English Course for Undergraduates: Book III. Delhi: University of Delhi, 1993. pp 119–125
2. Developing Language Skills I. Delhi: Manohar, 1997. pp 186–195, 209–216
3. Developing Language Skills 2, Delhi: Doaba House, 1995. pp 76–88
4. English at the Workplace. Delhi: Macmillan, 2006. pp 38–42
5. English at the Workplace II. Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2007. pp 29–30

UNIT – III (14 weeks-1 hour/week)

UNIT 3: Speaking & Listening–I

1. Learning to use language according to situation: the difference between formal and informal;
2. ways of socializing and showing politeness;
3. expressions used for greetings and asking after, introducing oneself and others, thanking, wishing well, apologizing and excusing, asking for and giving information, making offers and requests and giving orders.

Readings:

1. Developing Language Skills I. Delhi: Manohar, 1997. pp 1–26
2. English at the Workplace. Delhi: Macmillan, 2006. pp 10–13
3. English at the Workplace II. Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2007. pp 5–8, 14–18.

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings- as listed in the units

Suggestive readings- NIL

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