

**HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE & STRUCTURE OF MODERN ENGLISH**

**COURSE OBJECTIVES :**

To give the student an adequate knowledge of the history of the English Language through a diachronic study of the language from the earliest times to the present day.

To make the student understand the historical and sociological factors involved in the growth of language with particular reference to the political and social changes which have made a lasting impact on the English language.

To trace the numerous changes which have taken place in the English language from the old and Middle English periods till the modern period, phonological changes, changes in spelling, morphological and syntactical changes and semantic changes.

To make the student understand the various processes of word-formation in English.

To give the student adequate knowledge of English sounds, stress, intonation etc.

To give the student knowledge of English grammar so that he is able to understand and describe the structure of English sentences and phrases.

**Unit I HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

1. Place of English in the Indo-European family
2. Grimm's law, Verner's law –mutation
3. Old English
4. Middle English
5. Impact of Renaissance and Reformation on the growth of the English language.
6. The Rise and Growth of Standard English

**Unit II**

7. Word –Formation
8. Change of Meaning
9. American English
10. Indian English
11. Spelling Reform

**PRESCRIBED TEXT**

F.T. Wood : an outline of the History of the English Language

**BOOKS FOR REFERENCE**

- A.C.Baugh    The History of the English  
                  Language
- H.Bradley    The Making of English
- C.L.Wren     The English Language

### **Unit III PHONETICS**

#### **Unit IV**

1. Speech and Writing
2. Description of English Sounds
3. Phoneme and syllable
4. Features of connected Speech-stress, intonation, strong & weak forms, Assimilation & Elision.
5. Transcription

#### **PRESCRIBED TEXT**

A.C. Gimson : An Introduction to the Pronunciation of English

#### **BOOKS FOR REFERENCE**

D.Jones : An Outline of English Pronunciation

An English Pronouncing Dictionary

T.Balasubramanian : A Text book of English Phonetics for Indian Students

Abercrombie : Elements of General Phonetics

#### **Unit V : STRUCTURE OF ENGLISH**

MORPHOLOGY : Free and Bound Morphemes Inflexion and Derivation

SYNTAX : Sentence and its parts  
Structure of Nominal, Verbal, Adverbial groups.  
Immediate Constituent Analysis

TG GRAMMAR : Deep and Surface Structure Transformation  
Recursiveness and embedding

#### **PRESCRIBED TEXT**

Palmer : Grammar

#### **BOOKS FOR REFERENCE**

David Crystal : Linguistics  
Lang : Sentence and its parts  
Barbara Strang : Modern English Structure  
Jacobs and Resenbaum : English Transformational Grammar