

**Course Code:** TESL E1015  
**Course Title:** Introduction to Linguistics  
**Type/Status:** Compulsory

**Learning Outcomes:**

On completion of this course, students will be able to

1. Discuss linguistic terms
2. Use the IPA symbols
3. Identify morphemes
4. Discuss grammar rules
5. Analyze discourse
6. Define important concepts in current phonological theories
7. Recognize and describe the sound system of English
8. Distinguish the common sound types classified in phonological theory
9. Explain the properties of the speech-producing organs
10. Use phonetic transcription to describe speech
11. Identify the common errors of Sri Lankan learners of English through phonological and phonetic analysis

**Course Content:**

1. Linguistic terminology
2. Introduction to phonetics and phonology
3. Introduction to morphology
4. Discourse analysis
5. Sri Lankan English
6. The nature of speech sounds
7. Distinctions between consonants and vowels
8. The principles of phonological contrast and alternation
9. Distinctive feature representations
10. Introduction to Phonetics
11. Transcription of speech sounds
12. Sounds of English

13. Prosody and intonation

14. Acoustic Phonetics

**Method of Teaching & Learning:** Lectures, discussions, workshops

**Scheme of Evaluation:** Examination

**Recommended Reading:**

Akmajian, A., Demers, R., Robert M. H. (1988). *Linguistics: An introduction to language and communication*. MIT Press.

Crystal, D. (2003). *A dictionary of linguistics and phonetics*. Blackwell.

Fromkin, V., Rodman, R., Hyams, N. (2006). *An introduction to language*. Blackwell.

McArthur, T. (1996). *The Oxford companion to the English language*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Odden, D. (2008). *Introducing Phonology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Parakrama, A. (1995). *De-hedgemonizing language standards: Learning from (post) colonial Englishes about English*. London: Macmillan Press Ltd.

Passe, H. (1955). *The use and abuse of English: Common errors in Ceylon English*. Oxford.

IPA (1999). *Handbook of the International Phonetic Association*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Johnson K. (2003). *Acoustic and Auditory Phonetics*. 2nd Ed. Blackwell.

Ladefoged, P. (2006). *A course in Phonetics*. 5th Ed. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich.

Roca, I., Johnson, W. (1999). *A workbook in Phonology*. Malden MA: Blackwell.

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