

Common Pool of Generic Electives (GE) Courses offered by the Department of English

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	Department offering the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice			
GE-1 Language and Culture	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII	NIL	English

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To familiarize students with the basic approaches to the study of language.
- To impart a socio-cultural perspective to the study of English in the Indian context.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will be able to analyze both the socio-cultural and formal aspects of language in general and English in particular.
- Students will be able to understand the shifting and evolving dynamics of the link between language and culture in India.

SYLLABUS OF GE-1

UNIT – I (20 Hours)

UNIT I-Language

1. Connor-Linton, Jeffrey, and Fasold, Ralph. 'Introduction', *An Introduction to Language and Linguistics*. United States: Cambridge University Press, 2006.
2. Fromkin, Victoria, Robert Rodman, and Nina Hyams. 'Part 1', *An Introduction to the Study of Language*. Boston, MA: Cengage, 2017.
3. Wardaugh, Ronald. Chapters 2 and 3, *An Introduction to Sociolinguistics*. Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006.

4. Rodriques, M V. Chapters 2 and 6, *Perspectives of Communication and Communicative Competence*. India: Concept Pub, 2000.

UNIT – II (20 Hours)

UNIT II- English Language in India and Multilingualism

1. Jayendran, Nishevita, et al. Chapters 3, 5 and 6, *Language Education: Teaching English in India*. India: Taylor & Francis, 2021.
2. Mukherjee, Joybrato. 'The development of the English language in India', *The Routledge Handbook of World Englishes*. ed. A. Kirkpatrick, London and New York: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, 2000. pp 167-180
3. Bhatia, Tej K. 'The Multilingual Mind, Optimization Theory and Hinglish', *Chutnefying English: The Phenomenon of Hinglish. India*. ed. Rita Kothari & Rupert Snell, Penguin Books, 2011.

UNIT – III (20 Hours)

UNIT III: Language and Society

1. Wardaugh, Ronald. 'Gender', *An Introduction to Sociolinguistics*. Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2006.
2. Soden, Satori, et al. Chapter 5, 6, 8, 9, *Language, Society and Power: An Introduction*. Taylor & Francis, 2010.
3. Wilson, James C. and Cynthia Lewiecki-Wilson. 'Disability, Rhetoric, and the Body': *Embodied Rhetorics: Disability in Language and Culture*. United States: Southern Illinois University Press, 2001.

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings- as listed in the units

Suggestive readings:

1. Fowler, Roger. *The Linguistics of Literature*. London: Routledge and Kegan Paul Ltd, 1971.
2. Bailey, R. W. and J. L. Robinson, ed. *Varieties of present-day English*. New York: Macmillan, 1973.
3. Fishman, J.A. *Sociolinguistics: A Brief Introduction*. Mass: Newbury House Rowley, 1971.
4. Gupta R. S. and K. S. Agarwal, *Studies in Indian Sociolinguistics*. New Delhi: Creative Books, 1996.
5. 'Notes on the History of the Study of the Indian Society and Culture', *Structure and Change in Indian Society*, ed. Milton Singer and Bernard S Cohn. Chicago: Aldine Press, 1968.
6. 'Towards a Definition of Culture', *India and World Culture*. New Delhi: Sahitya Academy, 1986.

7. 'Culture and Ideology', *Culture, Ideology and Hegemony: Intellectual and Social Consciousness in Colonial India*. London and New York: Longman, 1995.
8. Crystal, David. *The Stories of English*. UK: Penguin Books Limited, 2005.
9. Krishnaswamy, N., and Krishnaswamy, Lalitha. *The Story of English in India*. India: Foundation Books, 2006.
10. Crystal, David. *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995.
11. Mesthrie, Rajend, and Bhatt, Rakesh M. *World Englishes: The Study of New Linguistic Varieties*. United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press, 2008.
12. Marckwardt, Albert H. "English as a Second Language and English as a Foreign Language." *PMLA*, vol. 78, no. 2, 1963, pp 25–28.
13. Kramschin, Claire. *The Routledge Handbook of Language and Culture*. United Kingdom, Taylor & Francis, 2014.

GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-2: Genre Fiction)

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		
Genre Fiction	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII	

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To understand how the evolving genre of fiction engages with contemporary social and cultural realities.
- To understand the strategies of narrative and themes this specific genre of fiction uses.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will be able to efficiently undertake textual analysis within the specific rubric of genre fiction.
- Students will gain knowledge of the aspects of fictionality while engaging with popular culture.

SYLLABUS OF GE-2

UNIT – I (20 Hours)

1. Arthur Conan Doyle: *The Sign of Four*

UNIT – II (20 Hours)

1. Kashigo Ishiguro: *Never Let Me Go*

UNIT – III (20 Hours)

1. Ibn-e-Safi: *House of Fear*

2. Madulika Liddle: *Crimson City*

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings- as listed in the units

Suggestive readings:

1. H. Thomas Milhorn: *Writing Genre Fiction: A Guide to the Craft* (2006)

2. Beth Driscoll, Kim Wilkins, Lisa Fletcher: *Genre Worlds: Popular Fiction and Twenty-First-Century* (2022)

3. Joyce G. Saricks: *The Readers' Advisory Guide to Genre Fiction* (2009)

4. Jeremy Rosen: 'Literary Fiction and the Genres of Genre Fiction' Posted 8th July, 2018.

<https://post45.org/2018/08/literary-fiction-and-the-genres-of-genre-fiction/>

GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-3): Dystopian Writings

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		
GE-3: Dystopian Writings	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII	NIL

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To familiarize students with the evolution of the literary trends/movements under Dystopian writings.
- To analyse texts and identify the distinctions across prominent milieus and regions.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will be able to understand what constitutes the genre of Dystopian Writings.
- students will be able to discern the shifting dynamics of reality and representation.

SYLLABUS OF GE-3

UNIT – I (20 Hours)

1. Mary Shelley: *The Last Man*

UNIT – II (20 Hours)

1. H.G. Wells: *The Time Machine*

UNIT – III (20 Hours)

1. Malcolm Bradbury: *Fahrenheit 451*

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings- as listed in the units

Suggestive readings:

1. Stock, Adam. *Modern Dystopian Fiction and Political Thought: Narratives of World Politics*. United Kingdom: Taylor & Francis, 2018.
2. Gottlieb, Erika. *Dystopian Fiction East and West: Universe of Terror and Trial*. Maldives: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2001.
3. Basu, Balaka, et al. (ed.) *Contemporary Dystopian Fiction for Young Adults: Brave New Teenagers*. United States: Taylor & Francis, 2013.
4. Isomaa, Saija, et al. (ed.) *New Perspectives on Dystopian Fiction in Literature and Other Media*. United Kingdom: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2020.
5. Anthony, Ashley G., et al. (ed.) *Worlds Gone Awry: Essays on Dystopian Fiction*. United States: Incorporated Publishers, 2018.

GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-4) Literature & Human Rights

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		
GE-4 Literature & Human Rights	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII	NIL

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To consider the relationship between literature and human rights.
- To indicate investments in human rights within literary texts.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will be able to understand the relevance of human rights in everyday contexts.
- Students will be able to appreciate the importance of human rights in literary and theoretical terms.

SYLLABUS OF GE-4

UNIT – I (20 Hours)

1. George Orwell: *1984*(1949)

UNIT – II (20 Hours)

1. Harper Lee: *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1960)

UNIT – III (20 Hours)

1. *Freedom: Short Stories Celebrating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. Amnesty International, 2009.
 - (i) 'In the Prison of Repose'—Paulo Coelho
 - (ii) 'Amnesty'—Nadine Gordimer
 - (iii) 'ABC Antidote'—Ishmael Beah
2. Maya Angelou: 'I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings' [poem]
3. June Millicent Jordan: 'Poem About My Rights'

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings- as listed in the units

Suggestive readings:

1. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights
https://www.un.org/en/udhrbook/pdf/udhr_booklet_en_web.pdf

2. Barzilay, Vered Cohen. 'Foreword: The Tremendous Power of Literature', *Freedom: Short Stories Celebrating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. Amnesty International, 2009.
3. Hunt, Lynn. *Inventing Human Rights: A History*. W.W. Norton, 2008.
4. Nickel, James W. *Making Sense of Human Rights: Philosophical Reflections on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. United Kingdom: University of California Press, 1987.
5. Tierney, Brian. *The Idea of Natural Rights: Studies on Natural Rights, Natural Law, and Church Law, 1150-1625*. United Kingdom: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2001.
6. Rawls, John. *The Law of Peoples: with "The Idea of Public Reason Revisited"*. United Kingdom: Harvard University Press, 1999.
7. Griffin, James. *On Human Rights*. United Kingdom: OUP, 2009.

GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-5) Readings on Indian Diversities and Literary Movements

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		
GE-5 Readings on Indian Diversities and Literary Movements	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII	NIL

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To introduce the social and cultural history of India which were conducive to the development of art and literature
- To inculcate new ways to interpret, understand and read representations of diversity.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will be able to read non-verbal social and cultural history.
- Students will be encouraged to be open to the diverse modes of thought.

SYLLABUS OF GE-5

UNIT – I (20 Hours)

1. Overview
2. Linguistic Plurality within Sufi and Bhatia Tradition

UNIT – II (20 Hours)

1. Language Politics: Hindi and Urdu
2. Tribal Verse
3. Dalit Voices

UNIT – III (20 Hours)

1. Writing in English
2. Woman Speak: Examples from Kannada and Bangla
3. Literary Cultures: Gujarati and Sindhi

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings:

1. Kumar, Sukrita Paul et al. (eds.). *Cultural Diversity, Linguistic Plurality, and Literary Traditions in India*. New Delhi: Macmillan, 2005.

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 (GE-6) Indian English Literatures

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		
GE-6 Indian English Literatures	4	3	1	0	Passed Class XII	NIL

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To introduce literary texts from a range of regional, cultural, social, and political locations within India.
- To inculcate an in-depth understanding of some of the major issues shaping this literary production.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- By studying this course, students will be able to comprehend regional differences in the issues discussed and in socio-cultural contexts.
- Students will be able to analyze the use of the English language by non-native speakers and writers.

SYLLABUS OF GE-6

UNIT – I (20 Hours)

1. Vikram Seth: *A Suitable Boy*

UNIT – II (20 Hours)

1. Shashi Deshpande: 'The Intrusion'
2. Salman Rushdie: 'The Courter'
3. Rohinton Mistry: 'Swimming Lessons'
4. Vikram Chandra: 'Dharma'

UNIT – III (20 Hours)

1. Kamala Das: (i) 'An Introduction' (ii) 'My Grandmother's House'
2. Nissim Ezekiel: (i) 'Night of the Scorpion' (ii) 'Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa TS'
3. Arun Kolatkar: (i) 'The Bus'
4. Mamang Dai, 'The Sorrow of Women'

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings- as listed in the units

Suggestive readings:

1. Burton, Antoinette. *Dwelling in the Archive: Women Writing House, Home, and History in Late Colonial India*. Oxford UP, 2003.
2. Zecchini, Laetitia. *Arun Kolatkar & Literary Modernism in India: Moving Lines*. USA: Bloomsbury Academic, 2014.
3. Nerlekar, Anjali. *Bombay Modern: Arun Kolatkar and Bilingual Literary Culture*. Speaking Tiger, 2017.

4. Anjaria, Ulka. *Realism in the Twentieth-Century Indian Novel: Colonial Difference and Literary Form*. Cambridge UP, 2012.
5. Parashkevova, Vassilena. *Salman Rushdie's Cities: Reconfigurational Politics and the Contemporary Urban Imagination*. Bloomsbury, 2012.