

**English – Open Elective -2**  
**General Linguistics: An Introduction (OEC)**  
**60 marks paper for 3 hours duration and 40 marks for Internal**  
**Assessment 60**  
**hrs Syllabus for 3 Credits**

**Teaching Hours: 3 Hours per Week**

**Main Objectives of This Paper:**

The main aim of this course is primarily intended to make the students aware of the Linguistic approach to language. Hence, unique elementary concepts of General Linguistics and an overview of the subject linguistics are briefly mentioned in this course.

**COURSE CONTENT**

**Unit 1 ; Linguistics:** Definitions, nature and Scope of Linguistics, Uses of Linguistics, Broad branches of Linguistics – General linguistics, Applied linguistics and inter disciplinary linguistics. **General Linguistics:** Nature and Scope of General Linguistics, Branches of General Linguistics - **Descriptive Linguistics** Nature and scope of descriptive linguistics. Levels of Linguistic analysis.

**Unit –2 : Historical Linguistics and Comparative Linguistics;** Nature and scope of Historical linguistics. Growth and development of Historical linguistics during 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Language Classification; Genealogical and typological Classifications. Classifications of Indian languages. Types of Linguistic change, Nature and scope of comparative linguistics. Basic assumptions of comparative linguistics. Growth and development of comparative linguistics during 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Comparative methodology –Comparative method and Linguistic Reconstruction - Internal and External. Glottochronology.

**Unit –3 :Inter Disciplinary Linguistics;**

Psycholinguistics, Sociolinguistics, Philosophy, Anthropological linguistics, Folk linguistics, Computational linguistics, Neuro linguistics,. Biological linguistics, etc,