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COURSE DATA SHEET

SEMESTER	I	BATCH	2026
COURSE NAME	BASICS OF PHONICS AND PHONETICS	COURSE CODE	26UELGE1D01
COURSE UNITS	5	COURSE TYPE	Generic Elective(GE) - I
CONTACT HOURS (L-T-P)	3-3	CREDITS	5
OFFERED BY	RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH	AIDED - 8:15 am - 12:50 pm	

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1.	To introduce the basics of phonics, including letter-sound relationships, blending, and segmenting, to establish foundational reading and pronunciation skills.
2.	To develop an understanding of the physiological and physical aspects of speech production by examining the branches of phonetics and the functions of speech organs.
3.	To cultivate practical articulation and auditory discrimination skills through focused exercises on English vowel and consonant sounds.
4.	To apply the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) for precise phonetic transcription and standard dictionary usage.
5.	To refine oral communication insights by identifying, correcting, and documenting common pronunciation errors in real-world contexts.

COURSE OUTCOMES: On completion of the course the students will be able to...

	CO Statement	Cognitive Level
CO1	Identify and apply letter-sound relationships, blending, and segmenting principles in primary phonics.	K1-K3 (Understand and Apply)
CO2	Categorize and accurately articulate English vowel sounds, distinguishing between short vowels, long vowels, and diphthongs.	K1-K3 (Understand and



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		Apply)
CO3	Analyze and classify English consonant sounds based on voicing, place, and manner of articulation.	K1–K3 (Understand and Apply)
CO4	Identify and apply letter-sound relationships, blending, and segmenting principles in primary phonics.	K1–K3 (Understand and Apply)
CO5	Utilize the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) symbols to transcribe simple words and interpret dictionary pronunciation guides.	K1–K5 (Understand, Apply and Evaluate)

SYLLABUS

UNIT	TOPICS	HOURS
I	Phonics • Meaning and importance of phonics • Letter–sound relationships • Alphabet sounds • Blending sounds • Segmenting sounds • Common spelling and pronunciation patterns	15
II	Introduction to Phonetics and Speech Production • Meaning and scope of phonetics • Importance of pronunciation in communication • Branches of phonetics: Articulatory, Acoustic, and Auditory • - Speech organs and their functions • Difference between phonetics and phonology	15
III	English Vowel Sounds • Introduction to speech sounds • Classification of vowels • Short vowels • Long vowels • Diphthongs • Pronunciation practice of common words	15
IV	English Consonant Sounds • Classification of consonants • Voiced and voiceless sounds	15



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	• Place of articulation • Manner of articulation • Pronunciation practice of common consonant sounds	
V	Phonetic Transcription and Pronunciation Practice • Introduction to the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) • IPA symbols for English vowels and consonants • Dictionary pronunciation guides • Transcription of simple words • Common pronunciation errors and correction	15
Note (if any)		

TEXT/REFERENCE BOOKS/E - RESOURCES:

Text Books	1. The Study of Language – George Yule 2. A Textbook of English Phonetics for Indian Students – T. Balasubramanian 3. A Course in Phonetics and Spoken English 4. English Phonetics and Phonology – Peter Roach
Books For Reference	• Gimson, A.C. <i>Gimson's Pronunciation of English</i>. Edited by Alan Cruttenden, 8th Edition, Routledge, 2014. • Ladefoged, Peter, and Keith Johnson. <i>A Course in Phonetics</i>. 7th Edition. Cengage Learning, 2015. • Jones, Daniel. <i>Cambridge English Pronouncing Dictionary</i>. Edited by Peter Roach et al., 18th Edition, Cambridge University Press, 2011. • Crystal, David. <i>The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language</i>. 3rd Edition. Cambridge University Press, 2018.
E-Learning Resources	• BBC Learning English. <i>The Sounds of English / Pronunciation Tips</i>. URL: https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/features/pronunciation • Rachel's English. <i>American English Pronunciation Guide</i>. URL: https://rachelsenglish.com/ • University of Iowa. <i>Phonetics: The Sounds of Spoken Language</i>. URL: https://phonetics.uiowa.edu

PEDAGOGY (TEACHING METHODOLOGY):

- Lectures



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- PPT
- Lab Exercises
- Student Assignments
- Student Seminars/Webinars
- MCQ
- Quizzes
- Web Resources

CO-PO AND CO-PSO MAPPING:										
	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6		PSO1	PSO2	PSO3
CO1	2	2	2	3	2	1		2	2	3
CO2	2	2	2	3	3	1		2	2	3
CO3	3	2	2	3	2	1		2	2	2
CO4	3	3	2	3	3	1		2	3	3
CO5	2	2	2	2	3	1		3	2	3
Average (Use only filled in cells for calculation)	2.4	2.2	2	2.8	2.6	1		2.2	2.2	2.8

Correlation Level: 1-Low 2-Moderate 3-Strong

JUSTIFICATION OF CO-PO/PSO MAPPING			
CO	PO/PSO	Level of correlation	Justification
CO1	PO1	2	Acquire domain knowledge
	PO2	2	Understand basic skills through subsystems in language
	PO3	2	Analyze the problems in the society
	PO4	3	Obtain theoretical knowledge which will help them to progress in their higher studies
	PO5	2	Utilize the subject knowledge for higher studies and to gain employment



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	PO6	1	Low contribution to imbibing ethical and moral values
	PSO1	2	Gain theoretical knowledge of the subsystems in language
	PSO2	2	Enhance the communication skills by learning vowels and consonants
	PSO3	3	Beneficial in obtaining career upliftment
CO2	PO1	2	Learn the language variations and linguistic concepts
	PO2	2	Possess basic skills required in language and communication
	PO3	2	Understand the problems that are prevalent in the society
	PO4	3	Acquire linguistics concepts which aids in higher studies
	PO5	3	Very helpful for progression to employment and research
	PO6	1	Low contribution to assimilating ethical and moral values
	PSO1	2	Understand the theoretical framework of linguistic concepts
	PSO2	2	Obtaining linguistic skills to enhance verbal communication
	PSO3	3	Advantageous in getting job opportunities
CO3	PO1	3	Gain knowledge of the fundamental core area of linguistics and phonetics
	PO2	2	Acquire basic skills in linguistics and phonetics
	PO3	2	Understand societal problems through linguistic skills
	PO4	3	Acquire knowledge in the art of transcription to pursue higher education
	PO5	2	Understand the fundamental concepts in linguistics and phonetics for specialization
	PO6	1	Low contribution to imbibing ethical and moral values
	PSO1	2	Possess the fundamental knowledge of linguistics and phonetics
	PSO2	2	Obtain the skills to learn the art of transcription
	PSO3	2	Enhance the communication skills for their future pursuits
CO4	PO1	3	Apply the domain language in the relevant field
	PO2	3	Acquire language skills to understand life skills
	PO3	2	Analyze the challenges in the society
	PO4	3	Acquire the fundamental knowledge of facilitating



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			research in the respective domain
	PO5	3	Evaluate the current usage of English language and specialize in the area
	PO6	1	Low contribution to assimilating ethical and moral values
	PSO1	2	Gain domain knowledge to understand role of English language in the society
	PSO2	3	Acquire language skills to enhance communication
	PSO3	3	Apply the language skills in research and to gain job opportunities
CO5	PO1	2	Acquire domain knowledge
	PO2	2	Gain basic knowledge of the physical properties of speech sounds to understand life skills
	PO3	2	Understand the problems in the society
	PO4	2	Pursue higher studies in the domain
	PO5	3	Analyze the systematic difference in the subsystems in language
	PO6	1	Low contribution to imbibing ethical and moral values
	PSO1	3	Interpret the physical properties of speech sounds
	PSO2	2	Differentiate the subsystems in language
	PSO3	3	Apply the knowledge and skills for gaining employment and pursue higher education