

COURSE OUTLINE FOR ENG 101: A SURVEY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

This course provides an introduction on how the English language works. It aims to familiarise students with the systems of language and enable them to analyse language at the levels of phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics (sociolinguistic aspects). It aims to increase their awareness of the function of English and to provide students with an understanding of the overview of language and uses as new entrants into the department of English and Literary Studies.

The module consists of four blocks with the following themes:

Block 1: What is language?

Definitions of Language

Why study language?

Characteristics/ Functions of Language

Language for Communication

Communicating in different contexts

Block 2: What is English?

Brief History of English Language

Language Family

English as Indo-European Language

Block 3: Language and Linguistics Levels

Phonology

Phonetics

Morphology

Syntax

Semantic (syntagmatic and paradigmatic relations between words (homonymy, polysemy, synonymy, antonyms, hyperonyms, hyponyms etc Afterwards, slang, jargon, neologisms, archaisms)

Pragmatics

Stylistics / Creative writing

Block 4: Language and society

Sexism and gender,

Language in the media/ Media representations and campaigns