

ANP 112 for BSS Degree in Anthropology' 2020
Session: 2019-2020

Language: Bilingual
(Bangla & English)

Credit: 3 Credit Points
(45 Contact Hours)

LANGUAGE, CULTURE AND COMMUNICATION

1) Objectives:

The course is designed to enable students to think anthropologically on language including key analytical concepts in linguistics, socio-linguistics, and other traditions of linguistic study. It also explores the complex relationships among language, culture and communication and offers precise knowledge on linguistic diversity of the world and languages spoken in Bangladesh.

1.1) Intended Learning Outcomes:

The courses include 15 learning issues divided into 3 thematic sections with focused learning goals:

- ✚ **Section A:** Clear understanding of the basic premises upon which linguistic and other sciences are founded upon.
- ✚ **Section B:** Ability of the students to explore and explain critical junctures among language, culture and communication and how they shape our socio-cultural life-worlds.
- ✚ **Section C:** Primary knowledge on languages of the world, with particular focus on languages in Bangladesh, and systematic understanding of the contemporary linguistic practices in the globalizing world.

2) Lesson Plan

Section A: The study of Language: Basic Premises

(Week 1) Philosophical Discourses on Language and Mind

Selected Reading/s:	আহমেদ, বখতিয়ার ২০১৪, 'ভাষা, সংস্কৃতি ও মানবস্বভা: একটা নব্বৈজ্ঞানিক আলোচনা', আলী আফজাল খান (সম্পাদিত), <i>ভিন্নচোখ</i> , ভাষা সংখ্যা ২০১৪, ঢাকা। মজহার, ফরহাদ ১৯৭৭, <i>প্রস্তাব</i> , বুক সোসাইটি, ঢাকা। (অধ্যায় - ১, ৩ ও ৪)
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(Week 2) Biological Foundation of Language

Selected Reading/s:	Hickerson, Nancy Parrot 2000, <i>Linguistic Anthropology</i> , Harcourt College Publishers, New York. (Chapter - 1)
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(Week 3) The Origin of Language

Selected Reading/s:	Hickerson, Nancy Parrot 2000, <i>Linguistic Anthropology</i> , Harcourt College Publishers, New York. (Chapter - 1)
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(Week 4) Language Acquisition, Communicative Competence and Socialization

Selected Reading/s:	Hickerson, Nancy Parrot 2000, <i>Linguistic Anthropology</i> , Harcourt College Publishers, New York. (Chapter - 2)
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(Week 5) Key Approaches in the study of Language

Selected Reading/s:	Hickerson, Nancy Parrot 2000, <i>Linguistic Anthropology</i> , Harcourt College Publishers, New York. (Chapter - 4)
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Section B: Rethinking Language, Culture and Communication

(Week 6) Language, Culture and Communication: A Synthesis

Selected Reading/s:	Duranti, Alessandro 1997, <i>Linguistic Anthropology</i> , Cambridge University Press, Cambridge. (Chapter - 2)
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(Week 7) Language and Cultural Meaning

Selected Reading/s:	Bonvillain, Nancy 1997, <i>Language, Culture, and Communication: The Meaning of Messages</i> , Prentice Hall, New Jersey. (Chapter - 3)
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(Week 8) Language and Power

Selected Reading/s:	Duranti, Alessandro 2004, 'Agency in Language', in Duranti, Alessandro (ed.), <i>A Companion to Linguistic Anthropology</i> , Blackwell Publishing, Oxford, UK, Pp. 451-473. Chomsky, Noam 1970, 'Language and Freedom', <i>The Chomsky Reader</i> , Pp. 139-155. Mayr, Andrea 2008, <i>Language and Power: An Introduction to Institutional Discourse</i> , Continuum, New York.
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(Week 9) Language and Identity

Selected Reading/s:	আহমেদ, বখতিয়ার ২০০৬, 'ভাষা, সংস্কৃতি ও জাতিস্বত্তা প্রশ্নে আমাদের জাতিরাত্ত্ব', মাওরুম: অপরাডেয় ভাষা সংকলন, মার্চ ২০০৬, ঢাকা।
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(Week 10) Language and Gender

Selected Reading/s:	Mahmood, Raasheed & Ahmed, Bokhtiar 2007, 'The Semiosis of the Feminine in Bangla Language', in Clara Sarmiento (ed.), <i>Eastwards/Westwards: Which Direction for Gender Studies in the 21st Century?</i> , Cambridge Scholar's Publishing, New Castle.
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Section C: Languages in Bangladesh and Beyond

(Week 11) Language Maps and Classifications

Selected Reading/s:	Hickerson, Nancy Parrot 2000, <i>Linguistic Anthropology</i> , Harcourt College Publishers, New York. (Chapter - 7)
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(Week 12) Linguistic Diversity, Ethnicity, Nationstate and Globalization: Multi/bilingual Communities

Selected Reading/s:	Bonvillain, Nancy 1997, <i>Language, Culture, and Communication: The Meaning of Messages</i> , Prentice Hall, New Jersey. (Chapter - 11 & 12)
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(Week 13) Linguistic Diversity in Bangladesh: Aryan, Dravidian, Munda, Assamese and Tibeto-Burman Languages

Selected Reading/s:	Grierson, George A 1903-1928, <i>Linguistic Survey of India</i> , Digital South Asia Library, http://dsal.uchicago.edu/books/lsi/ Rabbani, Fazle 2004, <i>Atlas of the Languages and Ethnic Communities of Chittagong Hill Tracts</i> , UNESCO, Dhaka.
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(Week 14) Bangla from Linguistic Perspective

Selected Reading/s:	চট্টপাধ্যায়, সুনীতিকুমার বাংলা ভাষার ইতিহাস
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(Week 15) Kalim Khan and His Verve-based Semantics

Selected Reading/s:	খান, কলিম ২০০১, পরমা ভাষার সংকেত, প্যাপিরাস, ঢাকা।
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