

Victoria University of Bangladesh
Course Profile
Fall Semester, 2016
ENG 405: Introduction to Sociolinguistics and Psycholinguistics

Objective: The purpose of this course is to introduce language and human communication: role of language in the personal and social development of human beings; origins, development, acquisition, and diversity of language; nature and function of symbolic systems; phonology, morphology, syntax, orthography, sign language, and semantics.

Marks distribution (New)

Item/Activity	Marks
Work Sheet (including class attendance, class test)	25%
Assignment and presentation	10%
Mid-term test	25%
Final examination	40%
Total	100%

Text book:

Varshney, R.L. *An Introductory Text Book of Linguistics and Phonetics.*

Psycholinguistics: An Introduction to the Psychology of Language
 by Donald J. Foss and David T. Hakes

Lecture Plan:

Lecture No.	Lecture Topic
1-2	Sociolinguistics and language variations: dialect, sociolect, idiolect, diglossia, pidgin, creole etc.
3-4	Code switching and code shifting
5-10	Psycholinguistics and the study of language: Diversity and Linguistic Universals
11	Unique Code and General Code
12	Class Test-1
	Mid-Term Exam
13-15	Language Development in the Child
16-19	Language and the Brain
20	Psycho-linguistics and Language acquisition
21	Discussion Class on the problems of the students in the course
22	Class Test -2
23-24	Presentation
	Final Exam

