

Generic Elective (GE)

ENGLISH : ENGLISH FLUENCY- I

Credit: 4 (3 Theory+1 Tutorial/Internal Assessment)

Course objectives:

- This course is intended for students who possess basic grammatical and vocabulary skills in English but may not be able to effectively communicate in their everyday contexts.
- The course aims to equip them with skills that will help them interact with people around their personal, institutional and social spaces.

The course will help students to:

- describe or express their opinions on topics of personal interest such as their experiences of events, their hopes and ambitions.
- read and understand information on topical matters and explain the advantages and disadvantages of a situation.
- write formal letters, personal notes, blogs, reports and texts on familiar matters.
- comprehend and analyse texts in English.
- organise and write paragraphs and short essays in a variety of rhetorical styles.

Course content:

UNIT I: In the domestic sphere

1. Dry
2. Modifiers, Prepositions, Conjunctions
3. Write a diary entry and convert it into a blog post
4. Convert a transcript/ script/ piece of dialogue into a diary entry/ blog post

Readings:

1. Morgan, Esther. 'The Lost Word', *New Writing*. ed. Penelope Lively and George Szirtes, Picador India, 2001.
2. Sharma, Natasha. *Squiggle Gets Stuck: All About Muddled Sentences*. India: Penguin Books Limited, 2016.

UNIT II: In the University

1. Introducing oneself -- Note-making
2. Pronunciation Intonation – Nouns, Verbs, Articles
3. Blog writing

A. Introduce yourselves as individuals and as groups -- group discussion exercise Take notes on your fellow students' introductions.

B. Introduce characters from the text you are reading via posters

Readings:

3. Ghose, Premola. *Tales of Historic Delhi*. Zubaan, 2011.

UNIT III: In public places

1. CV Job applications

2. Tenses and concord

A. Write the CV of a fictional character

B. Write the perfect job application for your dream job

Readings:

4. Chakrabarti, Narendranath. 'Amalkanti', *The Oxford Anthology of Modern Indian Poetry*. ed. Vinay Dharwadkar and A.K. Ramanujan, India: Oxford University Press, 1994.

5. Anand, S., et al. *Bhimayana: Incidents in the Life of Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar*. India: Navayana Pub, 2011. pp 60-71