

Course No: SLS 4002
Course Title: Historical Linguistic and History of Sinhala Language
Credits: 3
Prerequisites: None
Core/Optional: Optional
Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To introduce basic concepts of historical linguistics To educate students about language families in the world and diffusion of Indo-Aryan languages To evaluate the relationship between Sinhala and Indo-European languages To analyze the evolution and history of Sinhala language
Intended Learning Outcomes: <p>Upon completion the course, students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the history of writing system Apply the Historical Linguistic theories to analyze Sinhala language Describe the concept of language families Identify the theories of language classification Explain the origin and evolution of Sinhala language
Time Allocation: (Hours): Supervised Independent Research: 300
Course Description <p>This course introduces the basic concepts of historical linguistic such as analogy, language borrowing and assimilation and so on. The course will also have a section on comparative linguistics focusing on interrelations among Indo-European languages. In addition, special attention will be paid to Indo-Aryan languages and their kinship with Indo-European languages. The course traces the historical trajectory of the evolution of modern Sinhala.</p>
Recommended texts: <p>Balagalle, Wimal G. <i>Sinhala Bhashave Sambhavaya Ha Parinamaya</i>. Colombo: S. Godage, 1992.</p>

Karunathilake, W. S. *Aithihasika Vagvidya Pravesaya*. Colombo: Gunasena, 1984.

Lehmann, Winfred P. *Historical Linguistic- An Introduction*. London: Routledge, 1992.

Assessment	Percentage Mark
Continuous Assessment (Assignments, Presentation, Examinations)	40
End Semester Examination	60