LING E2015
Morphology and Syntax
Core Course
1. Aims:
To give theoretical and practical understanding of the morphemic and syntactic structure of language

2. Learning outcomes:
Morphology
After completing this course students will be able to
Identify and describe basic concepts in morphology
Point out interrelationship between morphology and others areas of linguistics
Identify morphemes of a given language
means of analyzing actual data
Explain types of words formation in a given language

Syntax
After completing this course students will be able to
Identify 'Sentence'
Identify various types of syntactic structure and point out difference in them.
Analyze different types of syntactic structures and point out differences in them.
Analyze different types of syntactic structures
Explain syntactic structure based on a theory
Explain historical development of syntactic theories

3. Contents
Morphology
i. Basic concepts: field of morphology, word, morpheme and types of morphemes, morph, affixes, inflectional and derivational morphemes, word formation, morphophonemic alterations, Sandhi, productivity,

ii. Morphemic analysis: identifying morphemes of a given set of data, study of morphemic structure, types of morphemes, word formation of Sinhala/ Tamil and English.
iii. History of morphology: understanding of the historical development of morphology

Syntax

i. Basic concepts: Field of syntax, its autonomy and interrelationship with other components of grammar, grammaticality vs acceptability, competence vs performance, sentence definition, word, phrase, clause, utterance, subordination, embedding, deep vs surface structure, transformations: passivization, causativization, nominalization, question formation, negation, clefting, topicalization, structure of simple and complex sentences, principles and parameters, syntax of Sinhala/ Tamil/ English: a brief study of the contemporary theories of syntax, practical application of syntax.

ii. Syntactic analysis: analyze actual sets of data and identify syntactic structure of a given language

iii. History of syntactic theories: History of syntactic theories and the development of syntactic in the 20th century

4. Assessments:
   End of the year examination: three hour question paper.

5. Textbooks and reading materials:
   Morphology


Syntax:


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