

CONCEPT NOTE

**Colombo Language Centre (CLC)
Faculty of Arts
University of Colombo**

Short Course in Basic Tamil

1. Introduction

The Colombo Language Centre (CLC) of the University of Colombo seeks the permission of the Senate of the University of Colombo to offer a Short Course in Spoken Tamil.

The courses are expected to commence in July 2022.

2. The Need

In Sri Lanka, there has been a considerable demand for spoken Tamil over the last several decades. Spoken Tamil is seen by many government employees as a second language that can help them secure employment in the permanent cadre and open new career opportunities. Therefore, government employees are now given the opportunity to learn spoken Tamil in government institutions and private institutions for the Official Language Proficiency Examination conducted by the Department of Official Languages.

3. Objectives

At the end this course, students will be able to:

- Write and read simple sentences using the Tamil alphabet.
- Engage in simple day-to-day conversations in Tamil
- Pass the oral test of the Official Language Proficiency Examination conducted by the Department of Official Languages

4. Target Groups

- Those intending to learn Spoken Tamil for the Official Language Proficiency Examination conducted by the Department of Official Languages.
- Those intending to study Tamil for G.C.E. Ordinary Level
- Anyone interested in learning spoken Tamil

5. Minimum Admission Requirements

To be admitted as a student of this course, a candidate should possess any one of the following qualifications:

- a) Passed the G.C.E. Ordinary Level examination

AND

b) be at least 18 years of age

6. **Medium of Instruction:** Sinhala and English

7. **Course Fee:** Rs. 25,000

8. **Course Duration:** 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ months (60 contact hours)

9. **Teaching Methodology:** Communicative

10. **Evaluation:** Mid-course assessment (15%), End of course assessment (15%), Final examination (70%)

11. **Syllabus:**

Course Title	Short Course in Spoken Tamil		
Course Code		Contact Hours	60 (3 months)
Course Type	Short Course		
Course Description			
<p>This course is intended for students who are completely new to the Spoken Tamil language. Participants will be able to engage in simple day to day conversations with native Tamil speakers. The objective is to develop the students' listening and speech skills targeting the Official Language Proficiency Examination conducted by the Department of Official Languages.</p>			
Learning outcomes			
<p>On completion of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. write words and sentences using Tamil letters competently. 2. to communicate in Tamil with native Tamil Speakers. 3. be able to comprehend a spoken (listening) 			
Course contents			Hours
Alphabet – Tamil letters – Basic letters, Syllabic letters and sound variation			10
Self-Introduction			8
Polite requests			4
Dealing with time			4
Dealing with location			4
Mid-course assessment			2
Dealing with position			4
Dealing with distance			4
Dealing with direction			4
Listening and speech exercises			12
End of course assessment			2
Methods of teaching and learning			
Lectures, power point presentations through the blended mode			
Assessment methods			
Assessment Method			Weight

Mid-course assessment	15%
End of course assessment	15%
Final examination (Oral and written)	70%

Prescribed Text(s):

Spoken Tamil – Prof. S Suseendraraja, Prof. S Thilainathan & Abeysinghe Jayakody published by Department. of Official Languages, An Introduction to Spoken Tamil – Prof. S Suseendraraja, Prof. W.S Karunathilak & Prof. Games W Gair published by External Services Agency, University of Sri Lanka, Easy way to Speak in Tamil, Abeysinghe Jayakody, published by Modern Book Shop, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka.