

CONCEPT NOTE

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

Short Course in Basics in Hindi

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 Basic Hindi.

The courses are expected to commence in July 2022.

2. The Need

Hindi is the second most widely spoken language in the world, after Mandarin Chinese. There are approximately 370 million native speakers and about 120 million people who speak Hindi as a second language. In the universities of many developed and developing countries, courses on Hindi are offered. In Sri Lanka, Hindi language has been taught for nearly 25 years. This course has been designed for anyone who is interested in learning Hindi language.

3. Objectives

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

- Write and read simple sentences using the Hindi alphabet.
- Listen to simple dialogues in Hindi and comprehend them.
- Engage in a simple day-to-day conversations in Hindi

4. Target Groups

- Those intending to start learning Hindi for professional purposes.
- Those intending to study Hindi Language for G.C.E. Ordinary Level or Advanced Level examination.
- Anyone interested in learning Hindi.

5. 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

OR

b) Completion of Grade Nine certificate with certified work experience equivalent to a minimum of two years

AND

c) be at least 16 years of age

6. Medium of Instruction: Sinhala and English

7. Course Fee: Rs. 25,000

8. Course Duration: 3 months (60 contact hours)

9. Teaching Methodology: Blended

10. Evaluation: Mid-course assessment (20%), End of course assessment (20%), Final examination (60%)

11. Syllabus:

Course Title	Short Course in Basic Hindi		
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 Hindi language. Participants will be able to make simple sentences and engage in a simple day-to-day conversation with native speakers. The objective is to give students the basic knowledge required for learning Hindi targeting professional communication skills.</p>			
Learning outcomes			
<p>On completion of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. write words using Hindi alphabet competently. 2. manage a basic day-to-day conversation in Hindi. 3. enhance Hindi vocabulary. 4. be able to comprehend a spoken (listening) and written basic Hindi 			
Course contents			Hours
Hindi alphabet – with the IPA characters			02
Basic Hindi sentence structure (Simple Present Tense)			04
Self-Introduction (Lesson 01)			12
Pronouns and Imperative verbs			08
Mid-course assessment			02
Counting in Hindi			04
Day-to-day expressions (ca:hie:, səkna:, ca:hna: etc.)			12
Prepositions (ka., ke:, ki:)			06
Basic adjectives			04
Listening exercises			04
End of course assessment			02
Methods of teaching and learning			
Lectures, Activities , Presentations, Discussions through the blended mode			
Assessment methods			
Assessment Method			Weight

Mid-course assessment	20%
End of course assessment	20%
Final examination	60%

Prescribed Text(s):

Hewawitanagamage, U. R. (2007) Basanti Havaa, A collection of Hindi Verse and Prose,

Author Publication, ISBN-978-955-50465-0-3

Baal Bhaartee, Gaganaanchal, Aajkal etc.