



# APPRECIATING LINGUISTICS: A TYPOLOGICAL APPROACH

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**TYPE OF COURSE** : Rerun | Elective | UG

**COURSE DURATION** : 12 weeks (26 Jul'21 - 15 Oct'21)

**EXAM DATE** : 23 Oct 2021

**INTENDED AUDIENCE:** Any Interested Learners

**PRE-REQUISITES** : Any bachelor degree

**COURSE OUTLINE :**

This course appreciates linguistics as an academic discipline that focuses on the understanding of what natural language is and what systematicity of language comparison deals with. Following the typological approach, this course investigates both the structure (form) and usage (function) of language. Because of its focus on the issue of language typology, this course deals with the languages of the world in terms of the grammatical features they have in common. This eventually leads to the discussion on language types and their implications. The data from various language families (with a special mention to South Asian Languages) will be examined in the class which will help the participants to understand how various grammatical constructions are realized in different languages

**ABOUT INSTRUCTOR :**

Prof. Anindita Sahoo obtained her PhD from the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi. Her PhD thesis analyzes passive constructions in South Asian languages such as Odia, Kharia and Malayalam. Her primary research interests are in Linguistic Typology and Syntax. Her recent publications focus on the typology and grammaticalization of passive and copula constructions. She is also interested in language and communication studies from an acquisition and cognitive processing perspective.

**COURSE PLAN :**

**Week 1:** Linguistics: Some Fundamental Concepts

**Week 2:** What is Language Typology: Form and Function

**Week 3:** Lexical Typology

**Week 4:** Morphological Typology

**Week 5:** Syntactic Typology

**Week 6:** Phonological Typology

**Week 7:** Semantic Typology

**Week 8:** Pragmatic Aspects of Language Typology

**Week 9:** Typology and Language Change

**Week 10:** Language Universals and Linguistic Typology

**Week 11:** Language Universals and Linguistic Typology (Contd.)

**Week 12:** Drafting Typological Profile of an unfamiliar language with the help of Reference Grammar