

School Of Languages and Linguistics

The School of Languages and Linguistics (SLL) under the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies, Law and Management (FISLM), Jadavpur University, previously known as Linguistics and Language Technology and then as School of Languages till 2011, is the youngest centre for Linguistics and Language studies in India and especially in West Bengal. It is the second Post Graduate Study centre of Linguistics after the Department of Linguistics, University of Calcutta, started in 1904. The activities of the school, as a centre for language studies, can be traced back from 1991. A group of Members of the Faculty Council, Arts, of the university took an initiative for introducing the second language study outside the regular undergraduate and postgraduate courses of the university which has deep impact in multilingual world. One of the immediate objectives was to create an opportunity for the students of JU, especially who participate in different academic programs in abroad each year with the vision of higher studies that they would be able to learn the language required for their foreign communication. The interested others can also improve their skill in second language if they want. The school was formed and the programs were made open for off campus students also, who want to have their communicative skill in second language. Since then Certificate, Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses in different foreign and Indian languages have been introduced one after another. Professor Supriya Chaudhuri, former Director of the school, expanded the activities and made the school equipped with computer lab and other technological facilities for language teaching and learning.

Professor Mahidas Bhattacharya was appointed Professor of Linguistics in 2009, and joined as the permanent academic faculty of the School. This strengthened the School's academic resources and brought much-needed expertise in Linguistics to Jadavpur University. One of the first tasks taken up by Professor Bhattacharya was the introduction of courses in Linguistics at ED and Certificate levels. The proposals and syllabi were approved in 2009 and the academic courses commenced in the 2010-2011 session. Then M Phil and PhD programs in Linguistics were approved in subsequent academic years. However, PhD program was introduced in 2011. The school was renamed as School of Languages and Linguistics in 18th January 2011. The administration and academics of the university considered the importance of Linguistics in the multidisciplinary compact academic environment of JU as well as the gradual expanding activities of the school. The MA in linguistics was principally accepted, but could not be introduced due to the lack of faculties. Two more faculty posts were sanctioned to school for linguistics from the 11th plan. Dr. Samir Karmakar and Mr. Atanu Saha, two bright young scholars, joined to the school as Assistant Professors of Linguistics in 2012. The regular MA and M Phil program were started in 2013-14. After more than one hundred year linguistics is introduced in post graduate level in West Bengal. Now the school offers all the said regular linguistic courses along with 27 language courses as the scheduled academic program. The certificate course in Chinese was added from 2014 as an additional one. The faculties are also conducting researches simultaneously on the core and specialized areas like Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Computational Linguistics, Cognitive Linguistics, Sociolinguistics, Language Teachings, and Translation Studies. Around 350 students take admission each year. The School has MOU with other countries like Portugal and Italy for the study of languages and

culture. Dr. Rita Roy and Mr. Angelo Pugliese, two faculties look after the Portuguese and Italian studies respectively.

The school has noted seriously that the new turn of language and linguistic study after the entrance of computer technology, studies on brain and language etc in the field. The new endeavour of computational, cognitive and sociolinguistic aspects, language maintenance and loss, problem related to endangered languages, methods of language teaching, discourse and literary studies etc. have not only influenced the historical, descriptive and generative views of the discipline but opened a vast area of research and multiple types of job opportunity. The interdisciplinary mode of core areas is being intensified day by day involving applied areas of engineering, computer science, neurology and psychology, cognitive science, mathematics and logic, science of sounds along with traditional grammatical studies, philosophy, sociology, history, etc. The theoretical updating of the discipline is still pending in this new multidisciplinary environment and is now one of the most important challenges in research and teaching of linguistics. The school was under the Faculty of Arts, JU till 2013, and, now it is functioning under the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies, Jadavpur Universities.

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Degree offered:

Degrees Offered/Intake Degrees Offered

	Intake Capacity
● MA (Linguistics)	30
● M Phil (Linguistics)	10
● PhD (Linguistics)	According to vacancy
● Extra-departmental Courses for UG Students (Linguistics)	
● One-Year Certificate course (Introduction to Linguistics)	30
● Certificate course in French	50
● Certificate course in German	50
● Certificate course in Italian	
● Certificate course in Portuguese	
● Certificate course in Spanish	50
● Certificate course in Korean	
● Certificate course in Japanese	
● Certificate course in Chinese	
● Certificate course in Hindi	
● Certificate course in Sanskrit	
● Certificate course in Bengali	
● Certificate course in Communicative English	
● Diploma in French	
● Diploma in German	
● Diploma in Italian	
● Diploma in Portuguese	
● Diploma in Spanish	
● Diploma in Korean	
● Diploma in Japanese	
● Diploma in Hindi	
● Diploma in Sanskrit	
● Diploma in Bengali	
● Advanced Diploma-I in French	
● Advanced Diploma-I in Portuguese	
● Advanced Diploma-I in Japanese	
● Advanced Diploma-I in Bengali	