

# INTRODUCTION TO THE PSYCHOLOGY OF LANGUAGE



**HUMANITIES &  
SOCIAL SCIENCES**



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**TYPE OF COURSE** : New | Elective | PG

**COURSE DURATION** : 8 weeks (25 Feb'19 - 19 Apr'19)

**INTENDED AUDIENCE** : MS/PhD

**EXAM DATE** : 28 Apr 2019

**INDUSTRIES APPLICABLE TO** : Any companies dealing with verbal communication

## **COURSE OUTLINE :**

The objective of this course is to understand the psychological processes involved in language production, acquisition & comprehension. Students will be expected to learn how words & sentences are formed, spoken & understood. Also, how language as a cognitive function plays its role in overall cognition (i.e. thought & understanding of the world)

## **ABOUT INSTRUCTOR :**

Prof. ARK Verma has done his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology & English Literature from the University of Allahabad in 2007. After that he did Master's Degree in Cognitive Science at the Centre of Behavioral & Cognitive Sciences, University of Allahabad in 2009. He joined the PhD program in the Department of Experimental Psychology at Ghent University, Belgium in January 2010 & was awarded his PhD in 2014. He joined IIT Kanpur as an Assistant Professor of Psychology in May 2015. His research lies in the field of Cognitive Psychology (Lateralisation, Symmetry Detection, Attention) & Psycholinguistics (Visual Word Recognition & Bilingualism).

## **COURSE PLAN :**

**Week 1** : Introduction to Language.

**Week 2** : Language Development

**Week 3** : Words

**Week 4** : Speech

**Week 5** : Sentence Processing

**Week 6** : Reading

**Week 7** : Language Disorders

**Week 8** : Special Topics