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Course Number and Name

SINE 301

Introduction to Language and the History of Sinhala Language

Intended Learning Outcomes

At the end of this course the student will be able to identify the nature of language and the different varieties of a language, explain the origin and evolution of Sinhala language, and evaluate different grammatical traditions in Sinhala.

Course Contents

The concept of language; the major language families and the interconnections between them; the origin and evolution of Sinhala language, and the grammatical traditions introduced by *Sidatsangarawa* and later grammars; basic socio-linguistic aspects with examples from the Sinhala language.

Assessment Strategy

- i. Time of Assessment End of the Year
- ii. Assessment Method Written examination Assigned Percentage for each Component- 100%

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