THE MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES (HONOURS) SYLLABUS

MGU-UGP (Honours)

(2024 Admission Onwards)



Faculty: Language and Literature

Expert Committee: English

Subject: Translation Studies

Mahatma Gandhi University Priyadarshini Hills Kottayam – 686560, Kerala, India

Syllabus Index

Name of the Minor: Translation Studies

Semester 1

		Type of the Course		Hours/	Hour Distri			
Course Code	Title of the Course	DSC,	Credit	week				
		MDC,		Week	L	T	P	Ο
	GAND	SEC etc.						
	Malayalam Literature in	DSC B	4	5	3	0	2	
MG1DSCTRS100	English Translation							

Semester: 2

	TOTTO	Type of the Course		Hours/	Но		stribu eek	tion
Course Code	Title of the Course	DSC, MDC, SEC etc.	Credit	week	L	Т	P	О
MG2DSCTRS100	Indian Literatures in English Translation	DSC B	4 RS)	5	3	0	2	



Semester: 3

		Type of the Course		Hours/	Hour Distributio		tion	
Course Code	Title of the Course	DSC, MDC, SEC etc.	Credit	week	L	Т	P	О
MG3DSCTRS200	World Literatures in English Translation	DSC B	4	5	3	0	2	

Semester: 4

Course Code	Title of the Course	Type of the Course	Credit	Hours/	Но	ur Dis /w	stribu eek	tion
Course Code	The of the Course	DSC, MDC, SEC etc.	Credit	week	L	Т	P	О
MG4DSCTRS200	Translation for the Media	DSC C	4	5	3	0	2	

MGU-UGP (HONOURS)

Syllabus



Programme						
Course Name	Malayalam Literature in English Translation					
Type of Course	DSC B					
Course Code	MG1DSCTRS100					
Course Level	100-199					
Course Summary	Introduces the learner to the greatness and variety of Malayalam literature besides inculcating the skill of translating different literary genres from Malayalam to English, providing ample scope for practical exercise in translation.					
Semester	1 Credits 4 Total Hours					
Course Details	Learning Approach Lecture Tutorial Practical Others 3 0 1 0 75					
Pre-requisites, if any	Proficiency of Malayalam and English languages.					

COURSE OUTCOMES (CO)

CO No.	Expected Course Outcome	Learning Domains *	PO No
1	To identify the key principles of translation	U	2
2	To differentiate the poetic and prose devices in the source language and target language	An	6
3	To distinguish the narrative order in Malayalam and in English translation	An	4
4	To explain the factors involved in the translation of a play	An	1

^{*}Remember (K), Understand (U), Apply (A), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E), Create (C), Skill (S), Interest (I) and Appreciation (Ap)

COURSE CONTENT - Content for Classroom transaction (Units)



Module	Units	Course description	Hrs	CO No.
	1.1	E.V.Ramakrishnan: "Translation as Literary Criticism; Text and Subtext in Literary Translation". Locating Indian Literature: Texts, Traditions, Translations. Pg. 167-176 . Orient Blackswan, 2011	4	1
1 Key	1.2	J.C.Catford- "Translation :Definition and General Types" Chapter 2 : A Linguistic Theory of Translation OUP, 1965 Pg 20- 26	4	1
Key Concepts in Translation	1.3 Practicum	Explain the following terms which are crucial in translation,: Source Language, Target Language, Different levels of translation-full vs partial translation, total vs. restricted translation,free/unbounded translation, literal/word for word translation, Problems involved in translation, Lack of Equivalence-Loss and Gain in Translation	7	1
	2.1	K G: Sankara Pillai: Goorkha https://www.poemhunter.com/poem/goor kha/	4	2
2 Poetry and Short Story	2.2	S Joseph: My Sister's Bible (Trans: K.Satchidanandan,2010) Poetry International https://www.poetry international.com	4	2
in Translation	2.3 MG	Sarah Joseph: "The Moonlight Knows".Trans. J. Devika	7	2
	2.4 Practicum	Compare and Contrast the two translations of C.Ayyappan's Story, "Prethabhashanam" done into English as "Spectral Speech" by V.C.Harris and as "Ghost-Speech" by Udaya Kumar	15	2
	3.1	Vaikom Muhammed Basheer-' <i>Me Grandad</i> 'Ad An Elephant (Translated R.E .Asher and AchammaCoilparampil Chandrasekharan	7	3
3 Novel in Translation	3.2 Practicum	Here the students will be given practical exercises in translating from Malayalam to English. 1) Identity Card by S Joseph 2) Porul by P P Ramachandran 3) Karutha Chandran (short story) by M T Vasudevan Nair	8	3

4 Drama in Translation	4.1	Sajitha Madathil–Matsyagandhi (trans.V.C. Harris)	15	4
5		Teacher Specific Content		

	T						
	Classroom Procedur	e (Mode of transa	ction)				
	1. Lectures on Principles of Translation						
Teaching and	2. Synoptic	reading and analy	sis of Source Text and Targ	et Text			
Learning	3. Discussion	on on the lexical re	egisters of Malayalam and E	inglish			
Approach	4. Hands o	n translating some	e texts by students				
	MODE OF ASSESSM	ENIT					
			ve Assessment (CCA) – 30 n	narks			
		rticulars					
	Cl	Class test					
	Project (Translation)						
	B Semester End examination						
	Semester End Examination (50 marks descriptive type and 20 marks objective type),						
	duration - 2hrs		<u>-</u> (
Assessment	Descriptive Type	Word Limit	Number of Questions to be added	Marks			
Types	Essays	300 words	1 out of 2	1 x 15 = 15			
	Short Essay	150 words	5 out of 8 (Two questions on Practical	5 x 5 = 25			
			translation – one from poetry and another				
			from novel/Short story				
			or drama)				
	Short Answer	50 words	5 out of 8	5 x 2 = 10			
	Objective type	NA	10 out of 12	1 x 10 = 10			
	MCQ	NA	10	1 x 10 = 10			
			Γotal Marks	70			

Ayyappan, C., and V.C.Harris – "Spectral Speech" *Indian Literature*, Jan-Feb 1998, Vol. 41.1(183), (1998): 43-47

J.C.Catford.: A Linguistic Theory of Translation OUP, 1965

P.P .Raveendran & G.S.Jayasree Ed*The Oxford India Anthology of Modern Malayalam Literature.*, OUP,

Ayyappan. C. "Ghost-speech" Trans.Udayakumar.V, *No Alphabet in Sight: New Dalit Writings from South India* Ed. K.Satyanarayana& Susie Tharu. Penguin India, 2011
Sarah Joseph. "The Moonlight Knows".Trans. J. Devika *Masculine of Virgin :Storiesby Sarah Joseph* (Ed.) Mini Krishnan, OUP, 2012

E.V.Ramakrishnan: Locating Indian Literature: Texts, Traditions, Translations. Pg 167-176. Orient Blackswan, 2011

Pillai, Meena.T. Translating Kerala: The Cultural Turn in Translation Studies, Orient Blackswan, 2024

SUGGESTED READINGS

. Venuti, Lawrence. The Translation Studies Reader. Routledge, 2000.

.Bassnett, Susan. Translation Studies. Routledge, 1991.

Baker, Mona. In Other Words: A Course on Translation. Routledge, 1992.

Baker, Mona. Routledge Encyclopedia of Translation Studies. Routledge, 1999.

.Jaya Sukumaran and Scaria Zacharia. *Translation: Theory and Practice in Malayalam*. Current Books. /1997.





Programme								
Course Name	Indian Literatures	Indian Literatures in English Translation						
Type of Course	DSC B	ANDH						
Course Code	MG2DSCTRS100							
Course Level	100-199							
Course Summary		ner to the greatness and variety of Indian regional languages.	Malayalam	literature which				
Semester	2	Credits	4					
Course Details	Learning Approach	Lecture Tutorial Practical	Others	Total Hours				
		3 (19 90) 1	0	75				
Pre-requisites, if any	MGU-UG	SP (HONOURS)						

course outcomes (co) Syllahus

CO No.	Expected Course Outcome	Learning Domains *	PO No
1	To identify the key principles of translation	U	1
2	To differentiate the poetic and prose devices in the source language and target language	An	1
3	To think creatively and critically within and beyond the singularity of regional literature	An	1,3
4	To explain the factors involved in the translation of a play	An	1,2,3

^{*}Remember (K), Understand (U), Apply (A), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E), Create (C), Skill (S), Interest (I) and Appreciation (Ap)

COURSE CONTENT

Content for Classroom transaction (Units)



Module	Units	Course description	Hrs	CO No.
1 Theory	1.1	Sujit Mukerjee "A Link Literature for India" in <i>Translation as Discovery</i> . Pg 34-45	10	1
v	1.2 Practicu m	Bhasa: The Shattered Thigh, translated by A.N.D. Haksar	5	1,2
2	2.1	Mahasweta Devi: Kunti and the Nishadin (Translated by Anjum Katyal)	3	2,3
Short Fiction	2.2	Saadat Hasan Manto: Open It! (Khol Do) (Translated by C Christine Fair)	3	2,3
	2.3	Anna Bhau Sathe, "Gold from the Grave"	4	2,3
	2.4 Practicu m	Perumal Murugan, "The Man Who Could Not Sleep"	5	2,3
	3.1 विद्या	Kabir: O Servant, where dost thou seek Me, translated by Tagore	3	2,3
	3.2 IGU -	Mirza Asadullah Khan Ghalib: On the Death of an Adopted Son, translated by Khushwant Singh	3	2,3
3 Poems	3.3	Amrita Pritam: To Waris Shah, translated by Amrita Pritam	2	2,3
	3.4	Nilim Kumar : Guwahati, translated by Uttam Duorah	2	2,3
	3.5 Practicu m	Gnanakoothan: The Son Complains to His Mother, translated by R Parthasarathy	2	2,3

	3.6 Practicu m	Kynpham Sing Nongkynrih: The Fungus, https://www.poetryinternational.com/ en/poets-poems/poems/poem/103-6310_THE-FUNGUS	3	2,3
	3.7 Practicu m	Kalidasa: Ritusamhara, Canto One. Summer (From Kalidasa: The Loom of Time translated by Chandra Rajan.	15	2,3
4 Novel in Translation	4.1	UR Ananta Murthy: Samskara (A Rite for a Dead Man), translated by A.K. Ramanujan.	15	2,3
5	HAR	Teacher Specific Content		



	Classroom Proced	lure (Mode of tr	ansaction)			
Teaching and	1. Lectures on Principles of Translation					
Learning Approach	2. Synoptic re	ading and analys	is of Source Text and Tar	rget Text		
Арргоасп	3. Discussion	on the lexical reg	gisters of Malayalam and	English		
	4. Hands on tr	anslating some to	exts by students			
	MODE OF ASSES	SSMENT				
	A. Continuous Comprehensive Assessment (CCA) – 30 marks Particulars Class test Group Project Assignment Seminar B Semester End examination Total – 70 marks, duration - 2hrs					
Assessment Types						
	Descriptive	Word Limit	Number of Questions to be added	Marks		
	Type Essays	300 words	1 out of 2	1 x 15 = 15		
	Short Essay 150 words 5 out of 8 $5 \times 5 = 25$					
Short Answer 50 words 5 out of 8 $5 \times 2 = 10$						
	Objective type	NAP (HOI	10 out of 12	1 x 10 = 10		
	MCQ	NA	10	1 x 10 = 10		
		YY Y	Total Marks	70		

Bhasa . The Shattered Thigh and Other Plays, A.N.D. Haskar (Translator), Penguin Books, 1993

Mahasweta Devi. After Kurukshetra, Anjum Katyal (Tanslator), Seagull Books in 2005.

Mukherjee, Sujit. *Translation as Discovery and Other Essays on Indian Literature in English Translation*, Allied Publishers, 1981

Arjun Dangle (Ed.). *Homeless in My Land: Modern Marathi Dalit Short Stories*, Disha Books, 1992

Perumal Murugan. The Man Who Could Not Sleep, Juggernaut, 2021

Rabindranath Tagore (Translator). One Hundred Poems of Kabir, Macmillan, 1915

UR Ananta Murthy Samskara: A Rite for a Dead Man, tr A.K. Ramanujan New Delhi: Oxford University Press

SUGGESTED READINGS

Bassnett, Susan. Translation Studies. Routledge, 1991.

Baker, Mona. In Other Words: A Course on Translation. Routledge, 1992.

Baker, Mona. Routledge Encyclopedia of Translation Studies. Routledge, 1999.

Devy, G.N. After Amnesia, Orient Blackswan, 2019.

Mukherjee, Tutun (Ed). Translation from Periphery to Centre stage,. Prestige Books, 1998.

Venuti, Lawrence. The Translation Studies Reader. Routledge, 2000





Programme								
Course Name	World Literatures in English Translation							
Type of Course	DSC B							
Course Code	MG3DSCTRS200							
Course Level	200-299							
Course Summary	The Course is designed to provide students with a foundational understanding of the theory, practice, and complexities involved in the art of translation.							
Semester	3 Credits 4							
Course Details	Learning Approach Lecture Tutorial Practical Others 3 1 75							
Pre- requisites, if any	Students should have an aptitude to read and appreciate translated literary works							

MGU-UGP (HONOURS)
COURSE OUTCOMES (CO)

Syllabus

CO No.	Expected Course Outcome	Learning Domains *	PO No			
1	Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of foundational concepts and theories in translation studies.	U	1,2			
2	Evaluate the quality of translations based on linguistic accuracy, cultural fidelity, and adherence to the intended purpose of the text.	U	3			
3	Analyze and interpret the cultural contexts that influence translations.	An	1,2			
4	Apply various translation techniques and strategies to effectively convey meaning between languages, considering linguistic, cultural, and contextual factors.	A	3			
5	Critically evaluate translated texts' linguistic quality and cultural appropriateness and provide constructive feedback.	E	3			
*Reme	*Remember (K), Understand (U), Apply (A), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E), Create (C), Skill (S),					

^{*}Remember (K), Understand (U), Apply (A), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E), Create (C), Skill (S), Interest (I) and Appreciation (Ap)

COURSE CONTENT

Content for Classroom transaction (Units) (HONOURS)



Module	Units	Course description	Hrs	CO No.
	1.1	'Translation as Discovery' by Sujit Mukherjee	5	1,2,4
1 Key Concepts of	1.2	'The Origins and Developments of Translation Studies' by Susan Bassnet	5	1,2,4
Translation	1.3 Practicum	Key Concepts in Translation Studies	5	1,2,4
	2.1	"The Albatross" by Charles Baudelaire ("L'Albatros") Translated by William Aggeler, from the collection <i>The Flowers of Evil</i>	4	1,4
2 Poems in	2.2	The Panther by Rainer Maria Rilke Translated by Steven Michell	4	1,4
Translation	2.3	"Lot's Wife" by Anna Akhmatova Translated by Stanley Kunitz and Max Hayward from <i>Poems of Akhmatova</i> , by Anna Akhmatova	2	1,4
	2.4 Practicum	Adonis: Celebrating Childhood, translated by Khaled Mattawa.	5	1,4
3 Drama in	3.1	The Blood Wedding by Federico Garcia Lorca Trans. Langston Hughes	10	1,4
Translation	3.2 Practicum	A Marriage Proposal- Anton Chekhov. Trans by Julius West	5	1,4
	4.1 G	Ryūnosuke Akutagawa: "In a Grove", Translated by Takashi Kojima	5	3,4
4 Fiction in Translation	4.2	Jorge Luis Borges: "The Garden of Forking Paths", translated by Helen Temple and Ruthven Todd.	5	3,4
	4.3	Albert Camu : <i>The Guest</i> , Translated by Justin O'Brein	5	3,4
	4.4 Practicum	Gabriel Garcia Marquez: Chronicle of a Death Foretold, Translated by Gregory Rabassa	15	3,4
5		Teacher Specific Content		

	Classroom Proce	dure (Mode of	transaction)				
Teaching and Learning Approach	LecturesReadingsDiscussion Forums						
	A.Continuous Co	mprehensive A	ssessment – 30 marks				
	Particul	ars					
	Class to	est					
	Seminar						
	Assignment						
Assessment Types	.B. Semester En objective type), do		(50 marks descriptive	type and 20 marks			
	Descriptive Type	Word Limit	Number of Questions to be added	Marks			
	Essays	300 words	1 out of 2	1 x 15 = 15			
	Short Essay	150 words	5 out of 8	5 x 5 = 25			
	Short Answer	50 words	5 out of 8	$5 \times 2 = 10$			
	Objective type	NA	10 out of 12	1 x 10 = 10			
	MCQ	NA	10	1 x 10 = 10			
	विद्याः	भा अस्तर	Total	70			

Mukherjee, Sujit. Translation as Discovery and Other Essays on Indian Literature in English Translation. Allied Publishers, 1981.

Bassnett, Susan. Translation Studies, 3rd Ed. Routledge, 2002.

 $https://www.academia.edu/21596357/Translation_Studies_3rd_Ed_Bassnett_Susan_R\\ outledge_$

https://fleursdumal.org/poem/200

https://www.wenaus.org/poetry/panther.html

https://poets.org/poem/lots-wife

 $\underline{https://scroll.in/article/1054403/arise-out-of-the-lock-50-bangladeshi-women-poets-from-several-generations-in-}$

 $\frac{translation\#:\sim:text='Arise\%20out\%20of\%20the\%20Lock'\%2C\%20Sufia\%20Kamal\%20(1911.)}{1,to\%20arise\%20is\%20the\%20order!\&text=to\%20redden\%20your\%20lips\%20is,or\%20death\%20rings\%20the\%20chime.\&text=wide\%20eyes\%20raised\%20quick\%20to\%20the\%20moment\%2C\%20not\%20lowered\%20any\%20more.$

https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/55321/celebrating-childhood

https://allpoetry.com/A-Sad-State-Of-Freedom

SUGGESTED READINGS

"The Task of the Translator" by Walter Benjamin

Venuti, Lawrence, The Translation Studies Reader, 3rd Ed. Routledge 2012





Programme							
Course Name	Translation for the Media						
Type of Course	DSC C						
Course Code	MG4DSCTRS200						
Course Level	200 – 299						
Course Summary	This course shall provide a comprehensive understanding of the various approaches to translation outside of literary texts and provide an interdisciplinary approach to the study of English in its functionality. The course presents concepts and techniques that can be fruitfully used by experts in multiple languages who are sensitive to other cultures. As the course promotes creativity in the field of media studies, the course focuses on strengthening critical analysis and empathy skill.						
Semester	4 Credits 4 Total Hours						
Course Details	Learning Lecture Tutorial Practical Others Approach 3 0 1 0 75						
Pre-requisites, if any	MGU-UGP (HONOURS)						

course outcomes (co) Syllahus

CO No.	Expected Course Outcome	Learning Domains *	PO No
1	Apply effective techniques for translating news articles, ensuring clarity, accuracy, and impartiality	A	1, 2, 3
2	Demonstrate cultural sensitivity and awareness in translations, ensuring that the content is appropriate and respectful towards the cultural context of the target audience	U	8, 1,
3	Adapt the technical and linguistic aspects of translation in the fields of subtitling, including synchronization, condensation, and readability	С	3, 1
4	Apply dubbing techniques, ensuring that translated dialogue matches the original lip movements and conveys the intended emotions	A	1,
5	Develop skills for creating descriptive audio content for visually impaired audiences, adhering to industry standards and guidelines	S	2, 3, 6, 7
6	Adapt translations to different media formats, ensuring consistency and appropriateness across various platforms	С	1, 3
7	Exhibit advanced proficiency in both source and target languages, ensuring accurate and culturally appropriate translations	С	1,
8	Demonstrate a thorough understanding of key translation theories and their applications in various media contexts	U	1,

^{*}Remember (K), Understand (U), Apply (A), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E), Create (C), Skill (S), Interest (I) and Appreciation (Ap)

COURSE CONTENT

Content for Classroom transaction (Units)

Module	Units	Course description	Hrs	CO No.
1 News	1.1	Hard news and Soft News – cultural relativity in the preferences for hard news and soft news. Foreignisation and Domestication – cultural biases News Agency Translations in the global scenario – news translation in a multilingual environment News in dailies, news portals and the visual media	5	8
Transl ation	1.2	Diplomacy in translation – multiple source texts in news translation – translation as editing Hard news and soft news: varying strategies in translation – cultural differences in the treatment of content and language styles	5	2, 6
	1.3 Practicum	News translation Practice- 1	5	1, 6, 7
	2.1	History of subtitling: the silent movie era and after Key technical terms and concepts: intertitles – digital and analogous subtitles – closed subtitles and open subtitles – subtitles and captions	5	8
2 Langu age Skills for Subtitl ing	2.2	Content of subtitles: Linguistic content (conversations, songs, non-diegetic linguistic content) Non-linguistic sound Visual Features Language Variety in subtitling Technical issues in subtitling overtranslation and undertranslation Technological advancements	5	3
	2.3 Practicum	Subtitling – Practice -1	5	6, 7

		History of Dubbing (post-silent film era):		4
	3.1	Sound on film – magnetic strips – digital dubbing – full dubbing and partial dubbing (voice-over)	5	
3 Langu age Skills for Dubbi ng	3.2	Synchrony in dubbing: lip synchrony – isochrony – kinetic synchrony – problem of equivalence – technical requirements v/s close translation – revoicing to overcome problems of synchrony Standard Practices in voice-over dubbing Technological advancements	5	6,7
	3.3 Practicum	Dubbing Practice -1	5	
4 Audio Descrip tion	4.1	Evolution and History of audio description Japanese Genshi – Running Commentories on Radio – Audio Description for the Visually challenged	5	8
	4.2	Audio description in the theatre Audio description in Cinema Audio Introduction Visual Information and Auditory Information	5	5
	M (4.3	Describing live musical events and performances in theatre — Complexities of audio description in the theatre Audio description and cultural load Variations demanded by age difference Creative use of language in audio descriptions Writing script for audio description	5	5
	4.4 Practicum	Audio description – Practice News Translation Practice -2	7	6, 7
	4.5 Practicum	Editing and Analysis of Script Dubbing Practice -2 Subtitling Practice – 2	8	7, 8

5		Teacher Specific Content		
---	--	--------------------------	--	--

	Classroom Procee	dure (Mode of t	ransaction)				
	1. Lecture						
Teaching and Learning	2. Class Discussion	ons					
Approach	3. Hands-on train	ing					
	4. Research Proje	cts and Presentat	tions				
Assessment Types	/ [이의의 작하러워크리지!!!						
	Descriptive - Type	Word Limit	Number of Questions to be added	Marks			
	Essays	300 words	1 out of 2	1 x 15 = 15			
	Short Essay	150 words	5 out of 8	$5 \times 5 = 25$			
	Short Answer	50 words	5 out of 8	5 x 2 = 10			
	Objective type	NA	10 out of 12	$1 \times 10 = 10$			
	MCQ	NA	10	$1 \times 10 = 10$			
			Total	70			

Anna Matamala, Pilar Orero (eds.). Listening to Subtitles: Subtitles for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. 2010.

David Bellos. Is There a Fish in Your Ear?: Translation and the Meaning of Everything. London, Penguin Books, 2011.

Fryer, Louise. *An Introduction to Audio Description: A Practical Guide*. Routledge, 2016.

Ranzato. Irene and Serenella Zanotti (Ed). Reassessing Dubbing: Historical

Approaches and Current Trends. 2019. Scammell, Claire. Translation Strategies in Global News: What Sarkozy said in the suburbs. Guildford, UK: Palgrave Pivot, 2018.



MGU-UGP (HONOURS)
Syllabus