# Intermediate Telugu

### SASLI- 2016 Syllabus, UW-Madison

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Classroom location: 1510 Microbial Science, 1550 Linden Drive

Classes meet: Mon thru Fri 8:30 to 1 p.m (with 30 minutes break)

Office Location: B432 MSC (close to the SASLI office)

Language Tables / Coffee Hour: Friday TBA

## **Course Description**

Intermediate Telugu provides the second year of training in Telugu. In continuation to the first year Telugu, this course focuses on reading comprehension and oral comprehension along with more writing practice. Specially designed textual and audio-visual materials help the students to have a better understanding of Telugu language and culture. Reading passages followed by conversations and writing exercises aim at comprehending complex linguistic structures and their use. A wide variety of interesting exercises, graded compositions, reading comprehensions,

listening exercises and translation passages will be used. In addition, this course provides an introduction to Telugu culture and literature with interesting short-stories, autobiographical writings, and Telugu movies, and documentaries, videos on culture, places and festivals.

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Read short-stories, short-essays with considerable ease. 2. Write in Telugu script using advanced language 3. Expressing viewpoints and developing an argument in Telugu. 4. Describe persons, places and objects etc., in detail. 5. Gain word power to comprehend news stories and literary content in Telugu.

## Reading materials

Various reading passages focusing on different genres such as short stories, short poems and excerpts from autobiographical writings, clippings from Newspapers, poems, Riddles and Proverbs (Hand outs will be given in the class)

## Reference Materials:

Dictionary:

Gwynn J.P.L. Telugu – English Dictionary Delhi; New York: Oxford University Press

Krishna Murthy, Bh. A Grammar of Modern Telugu, Oxford University Press.

## Class Etiquette:

- 1. Be on time (classes starts at 8:30am)
- 2. Turn in your homework on time.
- 3. Participate in discussions and activities.
- 4. Be respectful of other students and avoid distracting them and hindering their opportunity to learn.
- 5. Show your group members the same courtesy that you would give to the professor. Inform them of group meetings or activities that you will have to leave early or miss.
- 6. Do not record the class video /audio devices.
- 7. Mute your cellphone or digital phone during the class time.
- 8. Do not text with your cell-phone or digital devices during the class time

## **Grading Policy:**

A (Excellent)	90-100
AB (Intermediate Grade)	83-89
B (Good)	74-82
BC (Intermediate Grade)	67-73
C (Fair)	61-66
D (Poor)	55-60
F (Failure)	54 or less

## Attendance:

- Attendance is mandatory. Please make a note that we count attendance very seriously. In case of illness you are required to produce a certificate from a registered medical professional.
- For every 3 unexcused absences your grade automatically goes down
- ➤ The excused absence is defined as absence for illness, job-interviews, authorized field trips, and other unavoidable reasons with a written documentation from concerned authorities.

# Homework, quizzes and exams:

We have homework everyday and the assignments will be given during the second session.

There will be two exams during the fourth week and eight week of the semesters.

# Personal Portfolio

Every student should keep a personal portfolio containing all graded work to be handed at the end of the semester.

# **Important Dates**

July 4<sup>th</sup>: Independence Day

July 21st at 1:00 p.m SASLI EVENT

### **Additional Instructions:**

McBurney Disability Resource Center: The McBurney Center is available for all students at the University of Wisconsin. The Center offers a wide array of services for students with disabilities. If you need any disability accommodations you need to register with the McBurney Center. The McBurney Center is available for all students at the University of Wisconsin. The Center offers a wide array of services for students with disabilities. For a list of the services provided, please visit the website:

http://www.mcburney.wisc.edu/services/

### **Rights and Responsibilities**

### Students with disabilities have the right to:

- Full and equal participation in the services and activities of the University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Reasonable accommodations, academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids and services
- Privacy and to not have confidential information freely disseminated throughout the campus
- Limit access to confidential records. In doing so, however, students recognize that implementing accommodations may become more difficult
- Information readily available in accessible formats

#### Students with disabilities have the responsibility to:

- Meet qualifications and maintain essential institutional standards for courses, programs, services, jobs and activities
- Identify as an individual with a disability when an accommodation is needed and to seek information, counsel and assistance as necessary
- Demonstrate and/or document (from an appropriate professional) how the disability limits their participation in courses, programs, services, jobs and activities
- Follow published procedures for obtaining reasonable accommodations, academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids and services, or requesting barrier removal

### The University, through faculty and staff, has the right to:

- Establish essential functions, abilities, skills, knowledge and standards for courses, programs, services, jobs and activities or facilities and to evaluate students on this basis;
- Determine the appropriate standards in developing, constructing, remodeling and maintaining facilities;

- Confirm disability status and request and receive current, relevant documentation that supports requests for accommodations, academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids and services;
- Have appropriate staff discuss students and their disabilities in order to implement requested accommodations (particularly instructional accommodations);
- Deny a request for accommodations, academic adjustments or auxiliary aids and services, and/or barrier removal in facilities if the documentation does not demonstrate that the request is warranted, or if the individual fails to provide appropriate documentation;
- Select among equally effective accommodations, academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids and services:
- Refuse unreasonable accommodations, academic adjustments or auxiliary aids and services, and/or facility-related barrier removal requests that impose a fundamental alteration on a program or activity of the university.

### The University has the responsibility to:

- Provide information to faculty, staff, students and guests with disabilities in accessible formats upon request
- Ensure that courses, programs, services, jobs, activities and facilities, when viewed in their entirety, are available and usable in the most integrated and appropriate settings
- Evaluate students on the basis of their abilities and not their disabilities
- Respond to requests on a timely basis
- Provide or arrange reasonable accommodations, academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids and services for students with disabilities in courses, programs, services, jobs, activities and facilities
- Maintain appropriate confidentiality of records and communication except where permitted or required by law

Contact information for the McBurney Disability Resource Center:

702 W Johnson Street, Suite 2104

Madison, WI, 53715

phone: 608-263-2741

text: 608-225-7956

fax: 608-265-2998

Class Format: In order to achieve the goals mentioned above, the communicative approach will be highly emphasized throughout the entire course. The first two hours of the morning session lecture are devoted to new topics through step-by-step grammar instruction (based on the textbook with necessary vocabulary) and classroom activities. From time to time, video/movie clips will be shown, and you will be given relevant questions to answer. The class will also watch/ listen, learn and sing-along to some film

songs.

In the second session, the daily discussion session will be a follow-up of the first two hours with a stronger emphasis on the communicative approach. The use of English will decrease as the class progresses. Students will be expected to take an active role in the class under the instructor's supervision. Students will form groups (2-4) and engage in different types of classroom activities with the aid of a vocabulary list. The instructor will give short topics for conversations or students may also come up with their own topics.

Students will be regularly updated on their progress and areas of weakness through the homework corrections, weekly quizzes and the midterm exam. Students who need extra assistance are strongly encouraged to attend office hours.

Students are encouraged to actively participate in the classroom by volunteering to write on the blackboard so that they may overcome hesitation in the new language and help/correct one another with spelling, structure and grammar. Please keep in mind that participation makes up 20% of the final grade.

Regular vocabulary review will be done in class to help students build their vocabulary. In addition, regular reading and writing practice will also be done in the classroom. Some potlucks, picnics and sports (like cricket, etc.) will also be organized so that students can get to know one another better and form study groups outside the class to practice speaking Hindi with each other. Starting the 5<sup>th</sup> week, a selection of short and simple children's stories will be read and acted out in the class as skits.

**Student Code of Conduct:** The student Academic Misconduct Policy & Procedures for the University of Wisconsin is available on the website listed below:

https://www.students.wisc.edu/doso/academic-integrity/

This document outlines the rules and regulations regarding your student rights and responsibilities while a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. It states that "Academic misconduct is an act in which a student:

- seeks to claim credit for the work or efforts of another without authorization or citation;
- uses unauthorized materials or fabricated data in any academic exercise;
- forges or falsifies academic documents or records;
- intentionally impedes or damages the academic work of others;
- engages in conduct aimed at making false representation of a student's academic performance;
- assists other students in any of these acts."

Please see the website listed above for further information.

### **CLASSROOM ATMOSPHERE:**

SASLI is committed to creating a diverse and welcoming learning environment for all students, and has a non-discrimination policy that reflects this philosophy. Disrespectful behaviors or comments addressed towards any group or individual, regardless of race/ethnicity, sexuality, gender, religion, ability, or any other identity or community are deemed unacceptable in class, and will be addressed by the instructor or referred to the Academic Director.

Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student's legal name. We will gladly honor your request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun.