

**BENGALI**  
Linguistics 19 Syllabus

**PURPOSE:** Speaking conversational Bengali.

**MATERIAL ASSIGNED: BEN.01**

Edward Dimock, *Introduction to Bengali (IB)*.  
LL Book Call No.: **PK/1662/D5**

**RESTRICTION:** None

**MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF CREDIT AVAILABLE:** 4 units

**METHOD OF STUDY:**

At the beginning of the course, listen twice through each Lesson in *IB* to familiarize yourself with the pronunciation of Bengali.

**For each lesson:**

1. *Listen to the entire dialogue* while following the English translation in the book to tell you what foreign sentences mean.
2. *Listen again* while following the foreign transcription to help you with details in the pronunciation.
3. *Listen again with the book half-closed*—look inside only when you need reminders about the meaning or pronunciation.
4. *Replay individual phrases and say them aloud* without referring to the book if possible. Imitate the voice on tape as closely as you can. Replay and repeat each phrase, then add phrases together to build a full sentence. Continue to *build phrases into sentences* in this way, until you can say the complete sentence easily and in unison with the tape while understanding what you are saying. Use the book only for occasional reference.
5. *Say the sentences* of the dialogue along with the speaker on the tape again and again until you can produce the foreign sentences easily and quickly given only the English ones as cues.

**EXAMINATION:**

Supervisor says the English version of sentences chosen at random from conversations in the assigned material; the student says the Bengali equivalent. The grade is based on both fluency and accuracy. All exams are 30 minutes. Final is not cumulative.

**ASSIGNMENT:**

| <i>INTRODUCTION TO BENGALI (IB)</i> |                                  |
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| Block 1: <i>IB</i> Lessons 1-5      | Block 3: <i>IB</i> Lessons 12-16 |
| Block 2: <i>IB</i> Lessons 6-11     | Block 4: <i>IB</i> Lessons 17-22 |

**2 Units**

STUDY TIME= 6 hrs/wk  
MIDTERM= Block 1  
FINAL= Block 2

**4 Units**

STUDY TIME= 12 hrs/wk  
MIDTERM= Blocks 1 & 2  
FINAL= Blocks 3 & 4