As a part of curriculum upgradation, Semester and CBCS systems were introduced in all affiliated colleges in Andhra Pradesh from 2015-16. As an effective part of the overall curriculum, Foundation Courses were introduced with an aim to prepare students in the required basic skills and values in diverse areas. Hence, courses covering a broad spectrum were introduced. The following are the revised syllabi of the ten Foundation Courses, each with 30 teaching hours per semester and worth 2 credits. They were spread in the first four semesters.

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The objective of the foundation courses is to create awareness among students and train them in the skills of the course concerned. Hence, teaching learning may be focused, and limited to the hours prescribed.
Vocabulary is considered the key to communication and it plays a great role for learners in acquiring a language. The first unit, therefore, is on the different aspects of vocabulary. Since English is a predicate-oriented language, there are two units on grammar focusing on the verb phrase. Listening and speaking are the two receptive skills. Listening is the basic skill of communication, and reading helps a person refine their writing skills. Unit IV and Unit V are on listening and reading respectively.

**Unit I: Vocabulary Building**
1a. Prefixes and Suffixes
1b. Conversion
1c. Compounding
1d. Analogy
2. One-Word Substitutes
3. Words Often Confused
4. Synonyms and Antonyms
5. Phrasal Verbs

**Unit II: Grammar - 1**
1. Types of Verbs
2. Subject-Verb Agreement

**Unit III: Grammar - 2**
1. Meanings of Modals
2. Tense (Present and Past) and Aspect
3. The Several Possibilities for Denoting Future Time
4. Articles and Prepositions

**Unit IV: Listening Skills**
1. The Importance of Listening
2. Types of Listening
3. Barriers/Obstacles to Effective Listening
4. Strategies for Effective Listening

**Unit V: Reading Skills**
1. Skimming
2. Scanning
3. Intensive Reading and Extensive Reading
4. Comprehension