

**King Saud University**  
**College of Arts**  
**Department of English & literature**

**Graduate Programs**

**Introduction:**

The English Department takes pride in its position at the very source of King Saud University; it was a vital component of the College of Arts when that college initiated the university's instruction in 1957 (1377). Since then it has been consolidating a competent, highly qualified teaching and research faculty while refining its curriculum. Joined to it is the English Department of the Center of University Level Studies for Women, which contains a fully-developed faculty that is carrying out a program identical to that of the men's faculty at the College of Arts.

The Department of English serves the specific purpose of (a) providing sequenced instruction in the English language and English literature to students at the Department of English at the college of arts, and (b) offering a program which provides virtual vocational and professional training to students at Arts as translators and linguists, and prepares exceptional students for study locally or abroad toward the Ph.D. degree in the fields of English language and literature. The department offers courses in composition, language, translation, linguistics and literature.

The "intangibles" of higher education in the department are carefully attended to, as the students are schooled to think independently, to analyze texts as well as theoretical problems, and to express themselves both orally and in writing fully and concisely. Student activities such as the production of plays, the publishing of student magazines, and the pursuit of study courses abroad promote fellowship deepen cultural understanding, and round out the complete "English Major".

The curriculum has been fashioned to lead the incoming student through programmed stage leading to ever greater language proficiency and academic sophistication.

# **Graduate Programs & Objectives**

**The Department of English & literature has two main graduate programs:**

## **1-MA Program**

**There are two branches in this program:**

- A- MA in Literature
- B- MA in Applied Linguistics

The student (male/female) studies preliminary course (15 units) in two semesters. He/She has to get a grade (B) to continue in this program, then he/she must study (27) units, divided into three semesters. The courses of the first two semesters are required for all students (male/female). Then he has to choose a stream according to his branch.

- In literature, there are five streams: poetry, fiction, Drama, American literature, and comparative literature.
  - In Applied Linguistics, there are three streams: Educational linguistics, psycholinguistics, and sociolinguistics.
  - Upon completion, the student writes his/her original thesis.
- The main basic objective of MA program is to prepare some specialists in English language, had a learning level higher than BA. To meet the needs of our country on this field. In addition, every student should add a new, genuine research before his/her graduating. Theses researches help others to get some benefit in learning/teaching English in Saudi Arabia, and to enrich the academic knowledge in English literature and comparative literature. Although one learns English literature as separate branch of knowledge,

it also helps to enrich the Arabic literature by making comparison researches and studies.

- MA program qualifies the students to become professional staff members in various universities, institutions.
- MA program prepares the graduates to pursue PH D degree in the Kingdom.

## **2. Ph. D. program**

This program is divided into two branches:

A. Ph. D. in literature

B. Ph. D. in Applied linguistics

- Students (male/female) who chooses literature branch studies (18) unites, divided into three semesters.
  - Students (male/female) who chooses Applied linguistics branch studies (20) unites, divided into three semesters.
  - Upon completion, the student writes his/her dissertation.
- Ph. D. program achieves the highest degree of self-sufficiency in this area and to provide students with alternatives culturally and academically and professionally.
  - Ph. D. program also achieves a most comprehensive and deep knowledge of English and literature.
  - Ph. D. program hopes to provide highly qualified graduates who will make up of the deficiency of experts in linguistics and Western literature.

## Qualifications and pre-requisites for Admission

### MA Program

- 1- BA from King Saud University or any equivalents with a (B) grade minimum.
- 2- Exceptions to accept those who got a (C ) grade, due to the approval of the Departmental and College's councils.
- 3- Passing a written exam, held by the Department.
- 4- Passing an interview.

### Ph.D Program

- 1- MA from King Saud University or any equivalents with a (B) grade. Additional terms could be required due to the Deanship of High Graduate Council, based on a recommendation from Departmental and College's councils.
- 2- Passing the Comprehensive Exam.
- 3- Passing an interview.

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### MA PROGRAM

#### *LITERATURE*

##### Preliminary (2) For All Students

Course	Title	Hrs
Eng. 419	Research Techniques	2
Eng. 437	Chaucer	3
Eng. 463	Practical Criticism	2
Total		7

##### Preliminary (1) For All Students

Course	Title	Hrs
Eng. 438	Renaissance Poet (Milton)	3
Eng. 441	Shakespeare (2)	3
Eng. 486	History of Western Thought	2
Total		8

##### Level 2

##### (Required Courses for All Students)

Course	Title	Hrs
Eng. 512	Translation	2
Eng. 561	Modern Schools of Criticism	2
Eng. 563	Renaissance and 17 <sup>th</sup> - C. Literatures	3
Eng. 591	Classical Heritage	2
Total		9

##### Level 1

##### (Required Courses for All Students)

Course	Title	Hrs
Eng. 570	American Literature	3
Eng. 581	Comparative Literature	3
Eng. 592	18th- C. and Romantic	3
Total		9

### First Stream: Poetry

#### Level 3

Course		Hrs
Eng. 535	Poetry (1)	3
Eng. 536	Poetry (2)	3
Eng. 593	Victorian and Modern Literatures	3
Total		9

### Second Stream: Fiction

#### Level 3

Course	Title	
Eng. 555	Novel (1)	3
Eng. 556	Novel (2)	3
Eng. 593	Victorian and Modern Literatures	3
Total		9

### Third Stream: American Literature

#### Level 3

Course	Title	Hrs
Eng. 574	American Literature (1)	3
Eng. 575	American Literature (2)	3
Eng. 593	Victorian and Modern Literatures	3
Total		9

### Fourth Stream: Comparative Literature

#### Level 3

Course	Title	Hrs
Eng. 582	Comparative Literature (1)	3
Eng. 583	Comparative Literature (2)	3
Eng. 593	Victorian and Modern Literatures	3
Total		9

### Fifth Stream: Drama

#### Level 3

Course	Title	Hrs
Eng. 545	Drama (1)	3
Eng. 546	Drama (2)	3
Eng. 593	Victorian and Modern Literatures	3
Total		9

## MA PROGRAM

### APPLIED LINGUISTICS

#### Preliminary (2) For All Students

#### For All Students Preliminary (1)

Course	Title	Hrs	Course	Title	Hrs
Eng. 416	Introduction to Linguistics	3	Eng. 408	Semantics	3
Eng. 417	Structure of English (I)	2	Eng. 410	Introduction. to Generative Grammar	2
Eng. 419	Research Techniques	2	Eng. 418	Structure of English ( II)	3
Total		7	Total		8

#### Level 2

#### (Required Courses for All Students)

#### Level 1

#### (Required Courses for All Students)

Course	Title	Hrs	Course	Title	Hrs
Eng. 511	Modern Theories in Linguistics	3	Eng. 515	Language Testing	2
Eng. 521	Educational Linguistics	3	Eng. 520	Technology and Language Teaching	3
Eng.	Contrastive and Error Analysis	3	Eng. 527	Research in Educational Linguistics	2
			Eng. 530	Practicum	2
Total		9	Total		9

### First Stream: Educational Linguistics

#### Level 3

Course	Title	Hrs
Eng. 526	Trends in Educational Linguistics	3
Eng. 528	Language Teaching Materials	3
Eng. 597	Seminar in Applied Linguistics	3
Total		9

### Second Stream: Psycholinguistics

#### Level 3

Course	Title	Hrs
Eng. 518	Topics in Psycholinguistics	3
Eng. 524	Language Acquisition	3
Eng. 597	Seminar in Applied Linguistics	3
Total		9

### Third Stream: Sociolinguistics

#### Level 3

Course	Title	Hrs
Eng. 525	Bilingualism and Language contact	3
Eng. 529	Discourse Analysis and Stylistics	3
Eng. 597	Seminar in Applied Linguistics	3
Total		9

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**Level 1**

**Level 2**

Course	Title	Hrs	Course	Title	Hrs
Eng. 662	Issues in Literary Theory	3	Eng. 637	Issues in Poetry	3
Eng. 657	Issues in Fiction	3	Eng. 684	Issues in Comparative Literature	3
Total		6	Total		6

**Level 4**

**Level 3**

Course	Title	Hrs	Course	Title	Hrs
Eng. 647	Issues in Drama	3	Eng. 700	Dissertation	
Eng. 694	Special Author or Topic	3			
Total		6	Total		

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**Level 2**

**Level 1**

Course	Title	Hrs	Course	Title	Hrs
Eng. 617	Advanced Syntax (GB &LFG)	3	Eng. 613	Semantics and Pragmatics	3
Eng. 642	Generative Phonology	2	Eng. 626	Topics in Sociolinguistics	2
Eng. 680	Computer in Linguistic Research	2	Eng. 682	Translation Theory	2
Total		7	Total		7

Level 4

Level 3

Course	Title	Hrs		Course	Title	Hrs
Eng. 643	Discourse Analysis	2		Eng. 700	Dissertation	
Eng. 681	Topic in Psycholinguistics	2				
Eng. 683	A Special Subject in Linguistics	2				
Total		6		Total		