

Curriculum

For

BS English



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Introduction & Rationale

Language is at the core of teaching and learning; it is the primary pathway through which concepts and skills are learned, evaluated, and extended. In today's post-colonial and globalized world, students are increasingly required to communicate in English. However, many enter higher education without having attained sufficient proficiency in English. The BS English program is designed for students who wish to develop competence in English linguistics and literature. It also fosters Islamic ethical values, enhances communication skills through the study of literature and linguistics, and prepares students for professional careers aligned with their abilities.

Vision of the Department

To be a nationally and globally recognized center of excellence in language, literature, and linguistics, pioneering ethical scholarship, AI-integrated language education, and impactful research that transforms society.

Mission of the Department

DELL is committed to advancing research-driven, industry-relevant education in English and global languages, guided by Islamic ethical values. We aim to empower students through high-quality academic programs, cutting-edge technology, interdisciplinary research, and global collaborations; bridging academia with society, market, and innovation.

Program Brief

The BS English program includes courses in linguistics, literature, and English Language Teaching (ELT). Courses in linguistics include Phonetics and Phonology, Morphology, Semantics and Pragmatics, Sociolinguistics, Psycholinguistics, and Stylistics, among others. Courses in literature cover areas such as Introduction to Literary Studies, Poetry, Classical Drama, Novel, Modern Drama, Literary Criticism, Literary Theory and Practice, and Modern Poetry. Within ELT, students will study Second Language Acquisition and the use of English across various disciplines. These courses have been carefully designed to provide students with essential knowledge of linguistics, literature, and language pedagogy.

Program Objectives

- To equip students to acquire up-to-date knowledge of linguistics, literature, and ELT, enabling them to meet contemporary academic and professional demands.
- To enable students to incorporate linguistic and literary learning to teaching practice, classroom simulations, and community-based problem-solving tasks.
- To allow students to link knowledge of linguistics and literature with other disciplines such as media, education, psychology, or technology through projects, research, and presentations.
- To enable the students to demonstrate the integration of Islamic ethical values in their academic learning, classroom participation, and professional development activities.

Program Learning Outcomes

After the completion of the BS English program students would be able to:

- Acquire up-to-date knowledge of linguistics, literature, and ELT, enabling them to meet contemporary academic and professional demands.
- Apply their linguistic and literary learning to teaching practice, classroom simulations, and community-based problem-solving tasks.
- Connect their knowledge of linguistics and literature with other disciplines such as media, education, psychology, or technology through projects, research, and presentations.
- Demonstrate professional ethics by practicing responsibility, teamwork, and discipline in academic and professional contexts.

Program Structure

The BS English program requires students to complete 51 courses totaling 140 credit hours over eight semesters (four years), in line with the guidelines of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. The program is carefully structured to build a strong academic foundation and progressively deepen students' expertise. In the first semester, students take general education courses alongside introductory courses in linguistics and literature. The second and third semesters continue this balance of general and major courses, ensuring both breadth and discipline-specific grounding. From the fourth semester onward, the focus shifts toward core courses in linguistics and literature, typically four to five per semester. By the fifth semester onward, the curriculum emphasizes major courses, complemented by selected interdisciplinary subjects. This progressive design ensures that students acquire essential disciplinary knowledge gradually, preparing them for advanced engagement with complex concepts in linguistics, literature, and related fields in the later stages of the program.

- Duration: The minimum length of the program is 4 years.
- Semesters: Eight semesters (minimum)
- In case of the migration/transfer cases, the program/degree may be extended to twelve semesters (maximum) with the approval of University's statutory body

Career Prospect

Graduates of the BS English program develop strong critical, analytical, and communication skills that prepare them for diverse careers. They may work as researchers, editors, journalists, and scriptwriters; take up corporate roles as communication managers, brand storytellers, and internal communication specialists; excel in digital marketing as content creators, copywriters, SEO writers, and social media strategists. With further specialization, they can also pursue advanced studies in English Literature, Linguistics, Communication Studies, and related disciplines in Pakistan and abroad.

Scheme of the Study:

	Course Title	Credit Hr		Course Title	Credit Hr
Semester I			Semester II		
ENG-432	Introduction to Literary Studies	3	ENG-434	Introduction to Literary Movements	3
ENG-433	Introduction to Linguistics	3	ENG-435	Introduction to Phonetics & Phonology	3
GE-212	Quantitative Reasoning I	3	GE-216	Quantitative Reasoning – II *	3
GE-153	Functional English	3	GE-217	Pakistan Studies	2
GE-213	Islamic Studies * (Religious Edu / Ethics for non-Muslim students)	2	GE-218	Expository Writing	3
GE-214	Applications of Information & Communication Technologies	3(2-1)	GE-219	Social Sciences (social work)	2
GE-215	Understanding of Holy Quran – I	1	GE-220	Understanding of Holy Quran – II	1
	Total Credit Hours	18		Total Credit Hours	17
Semester III			Semester IV		
ENG-436	Introduction to Textual Analysis	3	ENG-439	British Literary History: Victorian to Postmodern	3
ENG-437	Introduction to Morphology	3	ENG-440	Semantics and Pragmatics	3
ENG-438	British Literary History: Medieval to Romantic	3	ENG-441	Syntax	3
GE-221	Environmental Sciences (Natural sciences)	3	ENG-442	Poetry: 14th to 19th Century	3
GE-222	Philosophy (Arts & Humanities)	2	ENG-443	Stylistics	3
GE-223	Civics & Community Engagement	2	GE-225	Entrepreneurship	2
GE-224	Ideology & Constitution of Pakistan	2			
	Total Credit Hours	18		Total Credit Hours	17
Semester V			Semester VI		
ENG-444	Classical Drama	3	ENG-450	Novel: 18th & 19th Century	3
ENG-445	Sociolinguistics	3	ENG-451	Discourse Studies	3
ENG-446	Non-Fiction	3	ENG-452	Psycholinguistics	3
ENG-447	Interdisciplinary Course (Creative Writing Across Disciplines)	3	ENG-453	Second Language Acquisition	3
ENG-448	Interdisciplinary Course (Literature and Law)	3	ENG-454	Literary Theory and Criticism	3
ENG-449	Interdisciplinary Course (Narratives of Health & Illness)	3	UR-324	Introduction to Hadith & Seerah	2
	Total Credit Hours	18		Total Credit Hours	17

	Semester VII			Semester VIII		Credit Hr
ENG-455	Elective – I(Corpus Linguistics)	3	ENG-461	Elective--V (Anthropological Linguistics)	3	
ENG-456	Elective – II (Ecolinguistics)	3	ENG-462	Elective--VI (Translation studies)	3	
ENG-457	Elective – III (Postcolonial Literature)	3	ENG-463	Elective--VII (Pakistani Literature in English)	3	
ENG-458	Elective--IV (Forensic Linguistics)	3	ENG-464	Language & Technology in the Digital Age	3	
ENG-459	Research Methods for English Studies	3	ENG-465	Capstone Project	3	
ENG-460	Internship	3	UR-330	Introduction to Basic Teachings of Quran	2	
	Total Credit Hours	18		Total Credit Hours	17	

General Courses (34 Credit Hours- 15 courses)

1. Quantitative Reasoning I (3)
2. Quantitative Reasoning – II (3)
3. Understanding of Holy Quran – I (1)
4. Understanding of Holy Quran – II (1)
5. Functional English (3)
6. Expository Writing (3)
7. Applications of Information & Communication Technologies (3)
8. Islamic Studies (Religious Edu / Ethics for non-Muslim (2)
9. Pakistan Studies (2)
10. Social Sciences (2)
11. Environmental Sciences (Natural sciences) (3)
12. Philosophy/French (Arts & Humanities) (2)
13. Civics & Community Engagement (2)
14. Ideology & Constitution of Pakistan (2)
15. Entrepreneurship (2)

Compulsory Courses (63 Credit Hours- 21 courses)

1. Introduction to Linguistics
2. Introduction to Literary Studies
3. Introduction to Literary Movements
4. Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology
5. Introduction to Textual Analysis
6. Introduction to Morphology
7. British Literary History: Medieval to Romantic
8. British Literary History: Victorian to Postmodern
9. Semantics and Pragmatics
10. Syntax
11. Poetry: 14th to 19th Century
12. Stylistics
13. Classical Drama
14. Sociolinguistics
15. Non- Fiction
16. Novel: 18th & 19th Century
17. Discourse Studies
18. Psycholinguistics
19. Second Language Acquisition
20. Literary Theory and Criticism
21. Research Method for English Studies

Mandatory Elective Linguistics and Literature Courses (21 Credit Hours -7 courses)

1. Corpus Linguistics
2. Ecolinguistics
3. Forensic Linguistics
4. Anthropological Linguistics
5. Translation Studies
6. Pakistani Literature in English
7. Postcolonial Literature

Interdisciplinary Courses (12 Credit Hours -4 courses)

1. Creative Writing across Disciplines
2. Narratives of Health & Illness
3. Literature and Law
4. Language & Technology in the Digital Age (Mandatory Interdisciplinary)

University Specific Courses (4 Credit Hours 2- courses)

1. Introduction to Hadith & Seerah
2. Introduction to Basic Teachings of Quran

Rest of the courses have been merged with similar courses in HEC 2025 scheme of study

Capstone Project (3 Credit Hours -1 course)

- The Capstone Project, also carrying 3 credit hours, is likewise a compulsory degree requirement for the BS in English. It is designed as a culminating academic and intellectual experience, representing a multifaceted body of work that synthesizes the student's learning throughout the program. The project must be supervised and evaluated by a faculty member, following protocols determined by the department. Importantly, the capstone cannot be substituted with an internship or extra coursework, ensuring it remains a distinct and critical component of the BS program.

Internship (3 Credit Hours -1 course)

- As per the HEC guidelines, a supervised internship worth 3 credit hours is a mandatory requirement for the award of the degree of BS in English. It must be supervised by a faculty member in collaboration with a field supervisor. The structure, supervision protocols, and assessment criteria of the internship are to be established by the department and approved by the university's relevant statutory body. This internship must be graded and cannot be replaced with additional coursework, a capstone project, or any other academic activity. The internship may vary from 4 to 8 weeks in duration.

Total Credit Hours

➤ **140**

Faculty Members

1. Dr. Muhammad Abdullah – HoD,	Associate Professor
2. Dr. Asra Irshad- Associate Head,	Assistant Professor
3. Dr. Shamim Ali -	Associate Professor
4. Dr. Samina Nadeem- Advisor to VC,	Assistant Professor
5. Dr. Awais Bin Wassi-	Assistant Professor
6. Dr. Sidra Mehmood-	Assistant Professor
7. Dr. Farooq Ahmad-	Assistant Professor
8. Dr. Sadia Saeed-	Assistant Professor
9. Ms. Samina Najeeb-	Senior Lecturer
10. Ms. Sabah Aziz-	Senior Lecturer
11. Ms. Hira Rafiq-	Lecturer
12. Ms. Maria Noreen-	Lecturer
13. Ms. Nabeela Javed-	Lecturer
14. Ms. Amna Haq-	Lecturer
15. Ms. Farhana Siddique-	Lecturer
16. Ms. Zain Fatima-	Lecturer
17. Ms. Rozina Bibi-	Lecturer
18. Mr. Hameed Hussain –	Lecturer
19. Mr. Javed Iqbal-	Lecturer
20. Mr. Riaz Ahmed-	Lecturer
21. Mr. Muhammad Salman Khattak -	Lecturer