

RIPHAH INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

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Department of English Linguistics and Literature

Introduction to the Department of English Linguistics and Literature (DELL)

The Department of English: Linguistics and Literature is dedicated to the study of the English language in its many forms, written, spoken, historical, and theoretical. It offers a dynamic and interdisciplinary environment where students and scholars explore the richness of English literature, from classic to contemporary texts, alongside the scientific study of language structure, use, and evolution. Combining the analytical tools of literary criticism and linguistic theory, the department aims to deepen students' understanding of how language shapes thought, culture, identity, and society. Through rigorous academic programs, students engage with diverse literary traditions, master the complexities of English grammar and phonology, and investigate the socio-cultural aspects of language in use.

The department fosters critical thinking, creativity, and effective communication skills that are highly valued in a wide range of professional fields. With a commitment to academic excellence, research innovation, and cross-cultural understanding, the Department of English: Linguistics and Literature prepares students to become insightful readers, skilled researchers, and articulate communicators in an increasingly globalized world.

The BS English program in Linguistics and Literature offers students a comprehensive foundation in both the scientific study of language and the critical analysis of literary texts. Through a balanced curriculum, students gain deep exposure to key areas of English studies, preparing them for diverse academic and professional pathways.

In the **Linguistics** stream, students explore the structure and function of language, including phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics. They also engage with applied fields such as sociolinguistics, psycholinguistics, discourse analysis, and language acquisition. This enables them to understand how language operates in different contexts and how it influences communication, identity, and society.

In the **Literature** component, students are introduced to major literary movements, genres, and authors from British, American, Postcolonial, and World Literature. They learn to interpret texts critically, applying literary theory and close reading techniques to examine themes such as power, identity, gender, race, and cultural conflict. The program also emphasizes comparative literature, narrative techniques, and the relationship between literature and historical or social change.

Students gain practical exposure through research projects, presentations, critical essays, and language-based activities. **Opportunities for internships, literary societies, and language clubs further enhance their experience.**

By the end of the program, graduates of BS English in Linguistics and Literature are equipped with strong analytical, research, and communication skills, enabling them to pursue careers in teaching, writing, editing, media, translation, linguistics research, and further academic study.

Career Fields for BS English (Linguistics and Literature) Graduates:

- English Language Teacher (school, college, or university level)
- Lecturer or Research Assistant in Linguistics or Literature
- ESL/EFL Instructor (English as a Second/Foreign Language)
- Curriculum Developer or Educational Consultant
- Test Preparation Trainer (IELTS, TOEFL, SAT, etc.)
- Content Writer or Copywriter
- Editor or Proofreader
- Journalist or News Reporter/ News Editor
- Scriptwriter for TV, Film, or Radio
- Public Relations or Media Officer
- SEO/ Voice Over

Linguistics and Applied Language Fields:

- Linguistic Researcher
- Language Data Analyst
- Forensic Linguist
- Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant
- Lexicographer (Dictionary Compiler)
- Communication Specialist
- Human Resource Officer (especially for roles needing strong language skills)
- Customer Relations Manager
- Technical Writer
- Proposal or Grant Writer

Further Studies Opportunities:

- MA/MPhil/PhD in English Literature, Linguistics, TESOL, Journalism, International Relations, or related fields
- Diplomas or certifications in areas like Translation, Editing, TESOL, etc.
- Civil Services or Competitive Exams (e.g., CSS, PMS)

Programs Offered in the DELL:

Undergraduate Programs:

- **BS English (Linguistics and Literature)**
A 4-year program combining foundational and advanced courses in English linguistics, literature, and communication skills.

DURATION OF THE PROGRAM:

- Semesters: 8
- Years: 4
- Credit hours: 133

Detail Scheme of Studies for BS English (Language & Literature) for Fall 2023-2025

Sr. No.	Course Title	Course Code	Course Types	Credit Hours
Semester I				
1	Functional English	GE-153	General Education	3
2	Introduction to Basic Teachings of the Qur'an	UR-330	General Education	2
3	Exploring Quantitative Skills	GE-151	General Education	3
4	Islamic Studies (Islamic Ethical Principles and Contemporary Issues)	UR-110	General Education	2
5	Applications of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)	GE-155	General Education	3
6	Philosophy	GE-110	General Education	2
7	History of English Language and Literature	ENG -203	Major	3
Total Credits				18
Semester II				
1	Expository Writing	GE-106	General Education	3
2	Environmental Sciences	GE-108	General Education	3
3	Tools for Quantitative Reasoning	GE-152	General Education	3
4	Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan	UR-220	General Education	2
5	Entrepreneurship	GE-120	General Education	2
6	Introduction to Hadith and Seerah	UR-324	General Education	2
7	Introduction to Linguistics	ENG-201	Major	3

	Total Credits			18
	Semester III			
1	Critical Reading and Academic Writing	GE-211	Interdisciplinary	3
3	Classical Poetry	ENG -204	Major	3
4	Creative Writing and Poetics	ENG-242	Interdisciplinary	3
5	English for Digital Narrative and Communication	ENG -315	Interdisciplinary	3
6	Short Stories	ENG-382	Major	3
7	Professional Ethics	UR-450	General Education	2
	Total Credits			17
	Semester IV			
1	Family Life in 21st Century: Challenges and Prospects	UR-460	General Education	2
2	Classical Drama	ENG -205	Major	3
3	Morphology and Syntax	ENG -206	Major	3
4	Romantic Poetry	ENG -207	Major	3
5	Semantics and Pragmatics	ENG -208	Major	3
6	Phonetics and Phonology	ENG -209	Major	3
	Total Credits			17
	Semester V			
1	Ecolinguistics	ENG -310	Major	3
2	English Prose	ENG -311	Major	3
3	Modern Drama	ENG -420	Major	3
4	English Language Teaching	ENG -312	Interdisciplinary	3
5	Poetics of Victorian and Modern Fiction	ENG -313	Major	3
6	Web Content Writing	ENG -314	Major	3
	Total Credits			18
	Semester VI			
1	Discourse Studies	ENG -428	Major	3
2	Modern and Contemporary Poetry	ENG -423	Major	3
3	Sociolinguistics	ENG -316	Major	3
4	Pakistani Literature in English	ENG -429	Major	3
5	Second Language Acquisition	ENG -318	Major	3
6	Research Methods	ENG -319	Major	3
	Total Credits			18
	Semester VII			
1	Research Methods: Data Analysis	ENG -421	Major	3
2	Psycholinguistics	ENG -422	Major	3
3	Literary Criticism	ENG-449	Major	3

4	Internship (Teaching practice/Content writing, etc.)	ENG -424	Internship	3
	Total Credits			12
	Semester VIII			
1	Decoloniality, Language, and Literature	ENG -426	Major	3
2	Translation Studies	ENG -427	Major	3
3	Stylistics	ENG -430	Minor	3
4	Critical Theory	ENG -317	Major	3
5	Capstone Project	ENG -431	Project	3
	Total Credits			15
		Total Credit Hours		133

MPhil Programs:

- **MPhil English Linguistics**
Offers training in linguistic theory, research methods, and empirical language studies.

DURATION OF THE PROGRAM:

M.Phil. in English Program is of two years with four semesters; i.e. consists of a minimum of 32 credit hours (26 credit hours of course work + research thesis of 6 credit hours).

Faculty Details: Department of English (Linguistics and Literature)

Name: Dr. Sibtain Aslam.

Designation: Assistant Professor/ HoD DELL

Qualification: PhD in English Linguistics

Areas of specialization: Linguistics and Applied Linguistics



Name: Unsa Hafiz

Designation: Lecturer

Qualification: M.Phil in English Linguistics

Areas of specialization: Applied Linguistics



Name: Maria Faheem

Designation: Lecturer

Qualification: M.Phil in English Linguistics

Areas of specialization: Stylistic Analysis.



Name: Mamoona Hameed

Designation: Lecturer

Qualification: M.Phil in English Linguistics

Areas of specialization: Social Linguistics.



Name: Zainab Batool

Designation: Lecturer

Qualification: M.Phil in English Literature

Areas of specialization: Post-colonial Literature

