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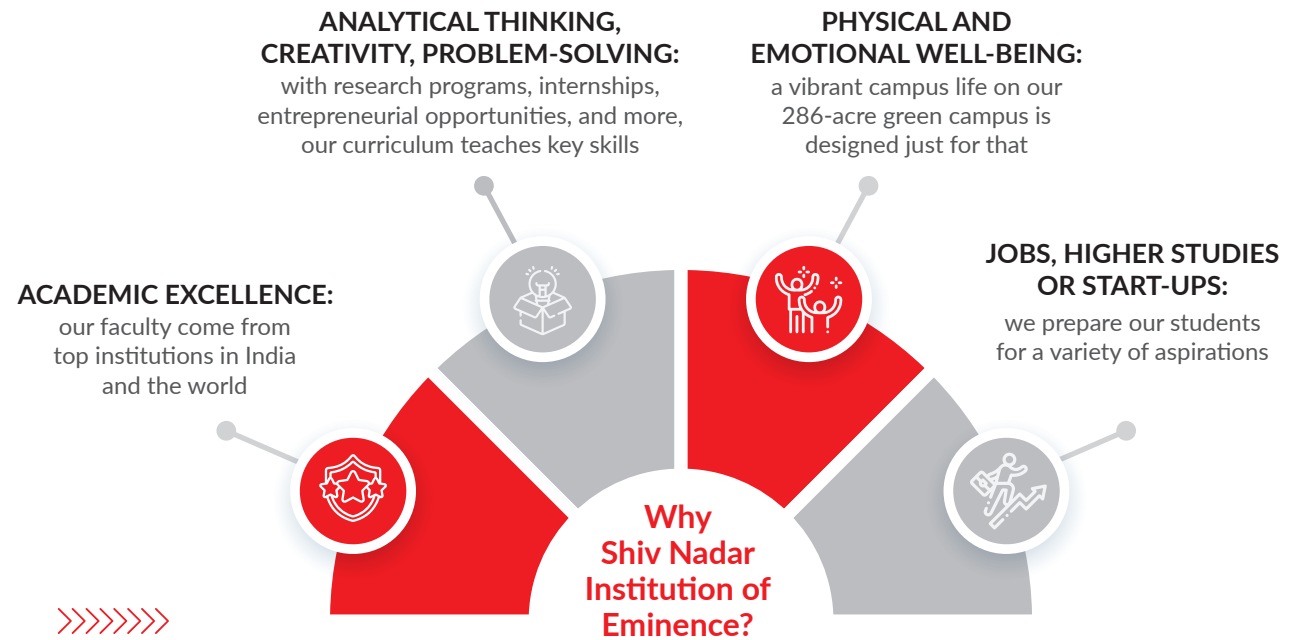
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Why Shiv Nadar University?

Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence is a multidisciplinary research university established in 2011 by Mr. Shiv Nadar, one of Asia's foremost philanthropists and a pioneer of the technological revolution in India. The four Schools at the University offer undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral degrees in Engineering, Natural Sciences, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Management & Entrepreneurship. It is the youngest university to be recognized as an Institution of Eminence by the Government of India, a distinct category of higher education institutions that "strive to become a top hundred Institutions in the world over time". In the Government's National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), the University has been the youngest institution in the 'top 100' Overall list for the last five years.



Why Study English at Shiv Nadar University?

The Department of English is a department for the 21st century. While it includes the study of classical areas in the discipline such as Nineteenth-Century literature, it also offers courses in cutting-edge areas such as Digital Humanities and Creative Writing. It is a department that seeks to combine intellectual rigour with continuous innovation inside and outside the classroom. To that end, we offer a wide range of undergraduate and graduate courses. Our excellent student-teacher ratio enables us to pay close attention to how our students write and help them approach both

academic and creative writing with critical rigour and imaginative reach, and to address specialist as well as general audiences effectively.

The students who have gone through our undergraduate and postgraduate programs are well-placed. They are either pursuing advanced degrees at some of the world's finest universities or working in some of the renowned private and public organizations.

Curriculum

B.A. (Research)

Our four-year B.A. (Research) in English program is designed to meet the following objectives:

- to ensure that the student's progression through the courses is both logical and pedagogically effective.
- to give the student a solid grounding in key movements in the history of English literature.
- to continuously mentor the student and help her acquire the skills and techniques of research, critical thinking, and writing.
- to provide a sound introduction to developments in world literature and 'vernacular literature.'
- to introduce the student to contemporary topics of specialization such as **South Asian literature, linguistics, creative writing, environmental humanities, popular fiction, graphic narratives, video-game narratives, and AI in fiction.**

In the first year, the student does introductory, survey-level courses. These courses familiarize the student with the basics of literary analysis and interpretation, as well as, with the three broad genres of literary studies: poetry, prose, and drama. School-wide courses on the techniques of academic writing and on the foundations of modernity are also taken. The second year of our program introduces the student to key movements in the history of English literature. The basics of linguistics and translation studies are also studied. The third year is marked by an increased attention to literary theory and genres. During this year, the student also enrolls in an introductory course in creative writing.



The fourth year introduces a few more domains of literary research. These include feminism, vernacular literature, and folk literature. There is also a course on newer forms of fiction such as films, video games, and graphic novels. It is also in the fourth year that the student embarks on the year-long process of **producing an 8000-word research paper in which she is individually mentored by a faculty member.**

Minor

The Department of English attracts a large number of applicants for the English Minor. The Minor is offered to University students majoring in other disciplines who wish to explore the domain of literary studies in a sustained and rigorous manner. English Minors sit in the same classes and have identical curricular requirements

as English Majors in the courses they take. To earn the Minor, a student must complete a minimum of six English courses (i.e., 24 credits).

Postgraduate Courses

The English Department offers a two-year M.A. program that enables students to deepen their training in literary analysis and writing, and also requires them to write a supervised 8000-word thesis in the last semester.

The department's doctoral program comprises coursework and the completion of an 80,000 to 100,000 word thesis under expert supervision in a range of areas. All admitted M.A. and Ph.D. students are offered a stipend that enables them to carry out their research without financial stress.

Department of English Faculty

Our faculty is highly regarded with Ph.Ds. from distinguished universities such as the University of Oxford, Trinity College, Dublin, Delhi University, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Binghamton University, SOAS University of London, University of East Anglia, EFLU Hyderabad, IIT Bombay, and Monash University.

Our esteemed professors have been published widely in India and abroad and featured at eminent conferences and literary festivals. They have also held several prestigious fellowships, grants and residencies. These include the

Hawthornden Fellowship, the Andrew Mellon Fellowship at the Huntington Library, the Leverhulme Visiting Fellowship, the Vermont Studio Center Fellowship, the TORCH Women in the Humanities Fellowship at the University of Oxford, the Charles Wallace India Trust Fellowship, the DARIAH-EU Open Education Grant, the Rockefeller Residency at the Bellagio Center and the Can Serrat Art Center Residency, among others.



Academic Collaborations

B.A. (Research) students can study a semester at an overseas university and then transfer the earned credits to the program they are pursuing at their parent institution. This is facilitated through collaborations between Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence's International Office and several universities abroad.

In the past, students from the Department of English have gone to study at the University of Guelph, Ontario University, AIESEC, and Deakin University.



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OUR Program

The Opportunities for Undergraduate Research (OUR) program at Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence aims to give students hands-on experience in conducting research and doing independent work under faculty supervision. The OUR project runs for a year, is non-credited, and is provided ample funding by the University. The OUR may be carried out by the student in any discipline, not necessarily her Major. Every year, awards are given to the top three OUR projects in the University.

In the past, students of the English Department have completed OUR projects with faculty members from the Departments of English, Sociology, and Economics. They have worked on topics as diverse as comparative linguistics, school education outcomes, morality in video games, stand-up comedy, and popular engagements with the law.



Pathway to Progress

Our undergraduate and postgraduate degrees are truly versatile. They have successfully enabled our students to enter a wide range of careers including academics, editing and publishing, media and communication, business administration, law, instructional design, art curation, public health, event management, and others.

Many of our students have gone on to pursue M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in areas as diverse as literary studies, policy studies, media and communication, and business administration (MBA). By acquiring degrees from prestigious institutions in India and abroad, our students are assuredly on the pathway to progress.



Student Outcomes

Over the years, the English Department has attracted a talented cohort of undergraduate and graduate students. Our graduates have gone on to secure admission in M.A. and Ph.D. programs at stellar institutions such as the University of California, Berkeley, University of Pennsylvania, University of Chicago, Arizona State University, Dartmouth College, University of Edinburgh, University of California, San Diego, University College, Dublin, University of Melbourne and others.

Our alumni have gone on to work in reputed organizations such as Ernst and Young, Deloitte, KPMG, Ogilvy PR Australia, Chase India, Centre for Policy Research, Azim Premji Foundation, HCL Technologies, Teach for India, Athena Education, Sage, and Oxford University Press, among others.



Admissions Eligibility

Bachelor of Arts (Research)

Program	Selection Criteria	Class 12 th Eligibility
English	SNUSAT Score + Interview	Aggregate of best 4 academic subjects in the marksheets must be $\geq 65\%$ (must include English)
	CUET 2024 Score + Interview	
	Valid SAT (College Board) Score + Interview	
	Valid ACT Score + Interview	

The M.A. and Ph.D. programs have an application process, including an entrance examination and an interview.

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