

SHIV NADAR UNIVERSITY

Department of English Language & Literature GRADUATE STUDIES PROSPECTUS



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NOTES



Welcome to a fast-growing, dynamic and active community of scholars and writers! Our quest is for excellence in teaching, research, and service. We seek to engage students with a diverse range of literary works in a global and Indian context.

Our teaching mission is to encourage and motivate students towards a thorough and informed critical study of literature, and to make connections between reading and writing practices.

As part of the School of Humanities & Social Sciences, our faculty are especially interested in the exploration of language development, gender studies, translation and performance.

Vision

The English Literature program at SNU is uniquely tailored to the Indian student of literature in the 21st Century. We find that, today, students have to necessarily build bridges between their Indian identity, rooted in their mother tongues and a global identity founded on the English language. Therefore, our curriculum, which is both regional and international in orientation, exposes students to a wide variety of literary traditions across time and space. It places a premium on reading broadly but also deeply: students study the intimate relations between language, literary form, history, and culture, as well as discover and explore points of affinity and difference across borders of culture and chronology.

Mission Statement

We take full responsibility of our students. As a Department, we believe in addressing not just the errors on the pages of assignments and test papers, but also the larger errors of history, circumstances and institutional practices that can erode an individual student's ability to discover and fulfill his or her true human potential.

Flexibility in Research

The English Department at SNU offers graduate programs leading to the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. The unique structure of SNU's curriculum provides students the flexibility to combine their English literary studies with research in diverse areas such as Translation, Rhetoric and Linguistics, Performance and Gender Studies. Hence, students graduating from the English program at SNU have a variety of career options not typically available to their counterparts from more traditional Indian universities. SNU English graduates will have the opportunity to pursue doctoral and post-doctoral studies leading to research and academic jobs at universities. However, many would have the training and breadth of knowledge for careers in print and electronic journalism, advertising and media in general, law and corporate positions involving writing and critical analysis such as investor relations and marketing. Students can also go on to pursue careers in the civil services, teaching and positions in non-governmental and cultural and artistic organizations.

As part of a research-based university, all students are encouraged to engage with the department's areas of research. SNU's English faculty have a wide-ranging and interdisciplinary research training, reinforced by diverse learning and teaching experience from Indian and international universities. Their current research interests are in fields like English Language Teaching, Linguistics, 19th-Century Literature, Modernism, Women's Studies, Speech and Pronunciation, Human Behaviour and Creative Writing.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS & ADMISSIONS

SNU's English Department is small in numbers because its students are carefully selected on the basis of their professional promise as full-time researchers and potential teachers, scholars and critics. Due to this selectivity, the department can provide its students exceptionally focused guidance that is unprecedented and which extends to customized, one-on-one study programs.

For Academic Year 2012-13 and Academic Year 2013-14, the Department offers admission to the following programs:

- (1) M.A. English, *Thesis optional (2 years)**
- (2) Ph.D. English (4 years)**

Admissions

The Department accepts only full-time students. M.A. students are admitted once a year in the Monsoon semester. Ph.D. students are admitted twice a year in the Monsoon and Spring semesters.

Some details about each program:

(1) M.A. English, *Thesis optional (2 years)

A 2-year course offered for students who already hold a B.A degree in English or a related subject. Students undertake coursework by enrolling in and attending graduate courses and seminars.

For the award of the degree, two options are available: (a) students may complete coursework and take a Comprehensive Examination tailored to their individual study program OR (b) students in their final semester may opt for the research path and work under the direction of a faculty supervisor to research, write and submit a *Thesis on a subject and topic of their choice.

Typically, the 2-year M.A. in English at SNU requires 60 credits, from Foundation/Core and Elective courses in English language and literature.

Students may also work on Independent Studies with faculty members, subject to departmental approval.

(2) Ph.D. English (4 years)

The Ph.D. program at SNU opens up a vista of research horizons and endless possibilities. Students enrolled in the M.A. program at SNU can opt to continue into the Ph.D. program here. By doing so, they would save one year of course work. Students who hold a graduate degree in English or a related subject from other institutions would be required to take the full 2 years of coursework before proceeding to submit a dissertation proposal and embarking on independent research under a faculty guide and advisor.

Typically, the 4-year Ph.D. in English at SNU requires 72 credits, from Foundation/Core and Elective courses in English language and literature. Students may also work on Independent Studies with faculty members, subject to departmental approval.

Program Requisites and Advancement

All graduate students undertake coursework in their first 4 semesters of study. Both M.A. and Ph.D. students take 3 to 4 graduate courses per semester. However, students who enter the Ph.D. program with an M.A. in English with *Thesis option from SNU may take only 2 semesters of coursework.

Continuance in the program depends strictly upon satisfactory participation and performance in graduate seminars as well as successfully completing ancillary requirements like Comprehensive and Field Examinations, **Secondary Language Proficiency, and submitting and defending a Thesis/Dissertation proposal.

- M.A. students may opt to write a research-based *Thesis. They may also apply to continue into the Ph.D. program.
- Ph.D. students advance to Candidacy after successfully completing their Field Examination and defending their Dissertation proposal.

For students who enter the Ph.D. program with a graduate degree from another institution, any relaxation or waiver of coursework requirements will

be at the discretion of the Head of the English Department and the Departmental Advisors Committee.

Additional Requirements

In addition to Foundation, Core and Elective courses, thesis and dissertation, all graduate students will also complete certain other requirements such as

- (a) ****Second Language Proficiency:** students will be required to demonstrate a basic/reading knowledge of a language, other than English, that is relevant to their program of study and coursework
- (b) From their 2nd semester, all graduate students become eligible to work with faculty as **Graduate Teaching Assistants** and/or **Research Assistants**. This supports the Department's commitment to provide hands-on experience in the professional areas of teaching and research.
- (c) **Conferences and Seminars:** all graduate students are encouraged to participate actively in the organization of national and international conferences hosted by SNU. They are also motivated to present research papers at national and international conferences and seminars, authored independently or co-authored with a faculty member.
- (d) Internship (if applicable)

CREDITS

Students are required to complete the minimum number of credits for each program as follows.

M.A. English	60 credits = 48 credits for coursework + 12 credits for *Thesis or additional courses & comprehensive examination.
Ph.D. English	72 credits (includes 4 credits for Dissertation Proposal.

REGISTERING FOR COURSES

All students must be correctly enrolled in the University, with no dues outstanding.

Before registering for courses, every semester, students are required to meet with the Department of English designated faculty advisors to discuss their plan of study and to ascertain relevance and availability of courses.

Students who are unable to complete their program requisites within the specified duration may need to take one or more extra semesters of study. In such cases, the continuation of any scholarship or fee waiver granted for their regular course of study will be governed by the then prevailing rules of the University.

Current faculty advisors for graduate students are:

Head of the English Department	Dr. Pramesh Ratnakar
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DETAILED LISTING OF COURSES

2012/ SNU-Department of English										
M.A. ENGLISH = 60 credits minimum										
Ph.D. ENGLISH = 72 credits minimum										
Semester	Req # of credits	Course #	Foundation Courses	Core Courses	Elective & Specialization Courses	Second Language Proficiency	Exam	Thesis	Dissertation	Credit Value
1	16	ENG 601		Research Methodology						4
		ENG 602	Gender Studies							4
		ENG 603	Translation Studies							4
		ENG 604	Literary Studies :Theory & Practice-1							4
		ENG 605	Rhetoric & Composition Studies							4
		ENG 606			Case Study 1: Single Author					4
2	16	ENG 607		The Classical Age						4
		ENG 608		Drama-1: Medieval to Renaissance						4
		ENG 609		Poetry-1: Early Modern to the Augustan Age						4
		ENG 610		Prose 1: 18th - 19th Century						4
		ENG 611		Literary Studies: Theory & Practice-2						4
		ENG 612			Rhetoric & Composition - Advanced					4
		ENG 613			Linguistics & Language Studies- Advanced					4

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		ENG 614			Translation-Advanced					4
		ENG 615			Gender Studies-Advanced					4
		ENG 616			Utopianism					4
		ENG 617			Case Study 2: Single Author					4
3	16	ENG 618		Drama -2: Restoration to Modern						4
		ENG 619		Poetry-2: Romantic to Modern						4
		ENG 620		Prose 2: Modern to Contemporary						4
		ENG 621		Post-Colonial/ World Literature in English & Translation						4
		ENG 622			Performance Studies					4
		ENG 623			Tragedy/ Comedy					4
		ENG 624			Seminar in Linguistics Studies					4
		ENG 625			Feminism					4
		ENG 626			Leadership					4
		ENG 627			Special Topics in American Literature					4
4	12	ENG 628		Ideologies: Gender, Race, Nation						4

Semester	Req # of credits	Course #	Foundation Courses	Core Courses	Elective & Specialization Courses	Second Language Proficiency	Exam	Thesis	Dissertation	Credit Value
		ENG 629			Special Topics in Cultural Studies (Dalit Studies; African-American; Travel; Biography; Science-Fiction; Lyric; Digital Humanities)					4
		ENG 630			Literature & Philosophy					4
		ENG 631			Modernism & Contemporary Literary Movements					4
		ENG 632			Special Topics in Theory & Criticism					4
		ENG 633			Special Topics in Language & Translation					4
		ENG 634			Special Topics in Performance Studies					4
		ENG 635			Special Topics in Gender Studies					4
		ENG 636			Special Topics in Comparative & World Literature					
		ENG 698			Independent Study & Research					

Semester	Req # of credits	Course #	Foundation Courses	Core Courses	Elective & Specialization Courses	Second Language Proficiency	Exam	Thesis	Dissertation	Credit Value	
		ENG 699				Second Language proficiency at basic, intermediate or advanced level				CR	
4		Students may take 3 additional courses for 12 credits to earn M.A. by coursework and comprehensive exam									
		ENG 700					M.A. Comprehensive Exam based on Course work			CR	
4		OR: Students may opt to write a research-based M.A. *Thesis for 12 credits to earn M.A. by thesis & research									
		ENG 701						Thesis Proposal		3	
		ENG 702						Thesis Draft		6	
	60	ENG 703						Thesis Defense		3	
4 to 5		ENG 800					Ph.D. Field Definition & Exam			CR	
5 to 6		ENG 801							Dissertation Proposal & Defense	4	
6 to 7		ENG 900							Dissertation Draft	CR	
8	72	ENG 1000							Dissertation Defense	CR	

Our courses encourage our students to think broadly as well as deeply about issues related to Literary Studies and the English Language. We also motivate

students to engage with the working logic of areas related to English Studies such as publishing, advertising, designing narratives and teaching.

At SNU, the graduate programs for M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in English are structured to facilitate timely completion of studies within their specified durations. All faculty are committed to supporting our graduate students during and beyond their courses and programs of study.

