



Yarmouk University

Faculty of Arts

Master's in English Language / Literature and Criticism

Program Overview

The Department of English Language and Literature has offered a master's degree in English Literature and Criticism since its establishment. Students can obtain their degree upon completion of 24 credit hours and the submission of a thesis, or 33 credit hours and passing a comprehensive examination.

The vision of the program is to achieve distinction in the field of Literature and Criticism, effectively contributing to local, regional, and global communities by producing highly motivated and qualified graduates.

The mission of the program is to equip students of Literature and Criticism with advanced literary and critical skills, enhancing their creative and critical thinking abilities. The program also aims to develop students' practical, research, and professional skills in the field of English Literature and Criticism, as well as other related fields.

Program Objectives

- Equip students with a comprehensive and in-depth understanding of English literature across different historical periods, genres, and critical approaches.
- Cultivate students' abilities to analyze, interpret, and evaluate literary texts using a variety of critical frameworks and theoretical perspectives.
- Train students in research methodologies and practices relevant to literary studies, including textual analysis and theoretical inquiry.
- Provide opportunities for students to engage in critical writing and explore the intersections between literary criticism and critical practice.
- Equip graduates with the skills and knowledge necessary to pursue careers in academia, publishing, education, cultural institutions, and other fields related to literature and communication.
- Produce graduates who are capable of conducting original research and contributing to the ongoing scholarly conversation in the field of English literature and criticism.

Program Importance

- The program fosters a deep appreciation for literature's rich history, diverse forms, and profound impact on human thought and culture.
- Students develop the ability to analyze complex texts, engage in intellectual debate, and articulate sophisticated arguments.
- Graduates are equipped with the skills to conduct original research, contribute to scholarly knowledge, and potentially pursue doctoral studies.
- The program equips students for a variety of fulfilling careers in academia, publishing, education, cultural institutions, and other fields that value critical thinking, communication skills, and cultural literacy.
- Overall, the MA program in English Literature and Criticism plays a crucial role in preserving and advancing the study of literature, nurturing critical thinkers, and preparing graduates for diverse and meaningful careers.

Targeted Groups and Accepted Majors

• Targeted Groups:

1. Graduates with a Bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature
2. Graduates with a Bachelor's degree in related humanities fields.

• Accepted Majors:

1. English Language and Literature
2. Related humanities majors: the department may consider applicants with strong academic backgrounds in other humanities disciplines, particularly if they can demonstrate a passion for literature and criticism. Such majors include Applied English, Translation, Linguistics, Modern Languages, Political Science, History, Sociology, and Anthropology.

Job Areas

1) Education:

- Teaching at the secondary or post-secondary level: Graduates can teach English literature, composition, or language arts in high schools, colleges, or universities.
- Educational administration: Graduates with additional qualifications can work in administrative roles in educational institutions.

2) Writing and Publishing:

- Content writing and editing: Graduates can create and edit content for websites, blogs, magazines, or other publications.
- Publishing: They can work as editors, proofreaders, or literary agents in publishing houses.
- Journalism: Graduates can pursue careers as journalists, critics, or columnists.

3) Other Fields:

- Communications and public relations: Graduates can work in public relations, marketing, or corporate communications.
- Business and consulting: They can utilize their analytical and communication skills in business development or consulting roles.
- Government and non-profit sectors: Graduates can work in policy analysis and grant writing.

- Research and academia: Graduates can pursue further academic studies (e.g., PhD) and potentially become researchers.
- Freelancing: Graduates can work as freelance writers, editors, or consultants.

Credit Hours and Tuition Fees

The program consists of 33 credit hours.

The tuition fees for Jordanian students: 100 JOD per credit hour

The tuition fees for international students: 250 USD per credit hour

Study Plan Overview

- For the Comprehensive Exam Track, students need to take 33 Credit Hours: 24 Credit Hours as Compulsory and 9 Credit Hours as Elective along with a Comprehensive Exam.
- For the Thesis Track, students need to take 24 Credit Hours: 15 Credit Hours as Compulsory and 9 Credit Hours as Elective along with a writing a thesis.



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