M.A Degree in English Language and Literature

This program is for students to pursue their M.A degree in English language and literature with the objectives:

1. Supporting the local and regional market with highly qualified graduates in English language and literature.
2. Encouraging scientific research through supervising theses, and research projects.
3. Increasing the opportunities for students to continue their graduate studies.
4. Satisfying the increasing demands of educators and researchers in English language and literature.
5. Participating in development of local community.

Faculty Members

The master program will be run by full-time, highly qualified members of staff. They are all totally involved in academic research and are recognized internationally in their fields. If the need arises, qualified part-timers will also be employed to cover all aspects of the program.

Study System

The study plan consists of 33 credit hours for the M.A degree. The thesis option study plan is divided into 15 credit hours compulsory courses, 9 credit hour elective courses, and 9 credit hour thesis. The comprehensive exam option study plan consists of 15 credit hour compulsory courses, and 18 credit hour elective courses.

- The academic year consists of two obligatory semesters:
  - Fall: Early October – Late January (16 weeks)
  - Spring: Early February – Late June (16 weeks)

The summer session is optional:

- Early July – Late August

The maximum number of credit hours a student can register for is as follows:

- Fall and Spring: 12 each
- Summer: 6

Labs and Other Facilities

Well-equipped language laboratories are available for the use of students. They can go there regularly or when the need arises to practice their English or to watch plays and films relevant to their field of study. Regular classes take place in well-furnished conference rooms in the building reserved for the Faculty of Arts. The university's central Library is fully furnished with the latest references, books, and journals in English Language and Literature. Students also have access to the Internet and to the electronic databases in the Library.