

**PROGRAMME PROJECT REPORT FOR M.A PROGRAMME IN ENGLISH**

**CENTRE FOR OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING**

**TEZPUR UNIVERSITY**

Name of the Programme	:	M.A. in English
Academic Unit	:	Department of English & Foreign Languages, Tezpur University
Mode of teaching	:	Open and Distance Mode
Prospective Group	:	Graduate students
Effective Session	:	July, 2018
Programme Code	:	MEG
Programme Credit	:	64 Credit
Duration	:	Min 4 semester, Max 8 semester

**OVERVIEW**

Education is capable to bring tremendous transformation when teachers and learners exchange information across subjects and experience varied perspectives, and incorporate critically weighed inquiries. Educators are able to construct such possibilities by fostering critical learning spaces, in which learners are encouraged to increase their capacities of analysis, imagination, critical synthesis, creative expression, self-awareness, and intentionality.

The study of English Literature is a perfect example of the synthesis mentioned above that can be facilitated by only few other subjects. Today studying English literature is not simply contemplating on the great classics of the world, appropriate for the lovers of classics only, without having multifarious utility for the learners of English as a subject. English literature as a genre has experienced a sea change over the decades when the subject encompassed all areas of human life from Social Science to Science, politics to religion, art to architecture, film studies, cultural studies and the study of information and communication. Consequently, the scope of literary studies has been broadened to cater the requirements of different stakeholders interested in English and English literature Studies. During the study of varied areas under an English literature degree, students will scrutinize and debate a variety of texts and contexts, movements, periods and critical approaches, theory and study of language that are pretty central to modern knowledge and communication system. Given that an English degree holder is a necessity in more or less every industry, filling a variety of roles – from editor to academic and legal advisor to manager, a course offered through open and distance mood will open up opportunities to many.

## **MISSION AND OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAMME**

### **MISSION**

To foster critical and analytical ability among the learners through study of language and literature, hone their professional skill and make the learners self-sufficient for employability.

### **OBJECTIVE**

The proposed programme not only looks deep into English literature, but also provides ample opportunity to learn the aspects of English Language and English language teaching, emerging areas of socio-cultural-political genre such as women studies, gender studies, Dalit literature etc. through a single window system. In this context, the objectives of the course are as follows

- The main objective of the proposed programme will be to expose the interested group of learners to a facility that is equivalent to the regular programme offered by the concerned department of the university/universities.
- To provide the learners with a foundation for appropriate career goals, social missions and placement in sectors such as teaching, media, industry, government service public service and other private sectors.
- To create skilled self-employed group of learners at the completion of the programme.

### **TARGET GROUPS**

- The target group of learners will be those who had to discontinue their higher studies due to the constraint of time and economic restrains. The proposed M.A programme will benefit two types of learners, those disadvantaged by being at a distance and those disadvantaged due to their time schedules and other commitments or both. This programme will be particularly beneficial to the stakeholders already in job and desiring promotion, enables to give solutions to the problems associated with distance and time, as well as using technology to enhance any learning environment.

### **PROGRAMME OUTCOME**

- This programme will enable to develop comprehensive written and spoken communication skills, becoming adept to critical and analytical writing, framing a narrative and analyzing various levels of meaning, making the learners skilled and employable.
- Comprehensive skill of English language and writing is an essential requirement in almost all fields of professions. The degree holders will be eligible to choose career opportunity in areas such as teaching and academics, media and publishing, journalism, law firms, advertising and marketing, library management, archiving, bookselling, information and research, tourism, events management, social work, youth work, retail management and sales, freelance writing, lexicography, interpretation/translation etc.

- This learner friendly programme will be particularly helpful for people less exposed to opportunities, specially women and weaker sections of the society, who fail to continue higher studies and avail multiple choices available in the job market. This course will open up prestigious opportunities like editing, writing online blogs, article in newspaper and magazine, translation etc. effectively from home without affecting the familial responsibility. Women, majority of whom are found in the teaching profession, can best avail the opportunity of English language and literature learning for career advancement. Thus, this course will provide wide range of self-employment opportunity to the stakeholders.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN:**

### **Curriculum Design**

The programme is designed to be offered as a two year programme. The total period is divided into 4 semesters where the learners have to earn 16 credits in each semester with a total of 64 credits in two years. For the benefit of the learners maximum period of 8 semesters (4 years) is given to complete the programme. The programme is based on the concept of blended learning where both online and face-to-face teaching-learning methods in the form of interactive sessions have been implemented. Twelve (12) hours' face-to-face counselling will be provided to the learners in this programme. The learners may have online interactive sessions with instructors as and when required. The learners may be exposed to audio-visual aids, such as films and dramatized versions of classics and other technological advantages for better understanding of the topic discussed.

### **Module of the programme**

With the help of a group of experts a learner friendly module has been prepared to introduce the learners to the variegated field of English literature. Each course is divided into 14-16 units with an introduction of the course and clearly stating the objective of that particular area on offer. The objective such a module is to bring better clarity on each topic discussed in a particular unit.

## **ADMISSION, CURRICULUM TRANSACTION, EVALUATION ETC.**

### **Eligibility**

Minimum eligibility criterion for enrolment in the programme is graduation in any discipline. Admission will be conducted twice in an academic year, i.e. January and June. Online admission procedure has been put in place.

### **Fee structure**

The fee structure of the programme is stated below. The fees and other charges etc. to be paid by the candidates shall be decided by the Academic Council from time to time and the same will be incorporated in the Prospectus