

English Department Profile

The Department of English was founded in 1965, the same year the college was established and is therefore, one of the oldest Departments in the college. We, as a Department have grown from strength to strength along with the College and English as an honours course was offered from 1976 onwards as the College became a fully-fledged Day College.

The Department's humble beginnings started with **(L)Prof. E. M. Sohkhlet**, who later on became the Principal of the college and was soon followed by **(L)Dr. M. Dutt**. Others whose contribution to the Department cannot be forgotten include: **Mrs. Pamela M. Roy Lyngskor, Ms. Eva D. War, Mr. Daminot J. Wankhar, Ms. Lira Neog, Ms. Tirzah Kengoo, Prof. Esther Syiem, Ms. Arundhoti Dutta, Ms. Sujata Guru Dev, Mrs. Dolly N. Kharlukhi , (L) P.G. Marbaniang and Mrs. S I Kharkongor.**

The Department currently has **six** permanent faculty members and has a total undergraduate strength of around 377 honours students. The under-graduate course that the Department teaches is in line with the syllabus that has been prescribed by NEHU and deals with the History of English Literature from its early roots to its current manifestations in national literatures that have adopted the English language as a medium of cultural expression. Poetry, Fiction and Drama are all tackled in the course and the Department seeks to impart the importance of literature as a discipline to the students with the objective of helping the students to adopt a healthy curiosity for the world around them and develop critical thinking in individuals. The Department also teaches the BA, BSc, BCom. and B.C.A. streams of the undergraduate level.

The Department also offers a short-term course on Communication Skills every year for the months between July to December with the aim to help develop the language skills of students that seek to strengthen their foundational understanding and usage of the English language. The course is open to any student of any Department. To complement the Communication Skills classes, the Department also has a Language Lab that has been equipped with software to allow students to interactively test and probe their language skills. The Language Lab has a provision for different levels of language training which may go from beginner to advanced level courses.

The Department also offers a provision for Teacher-Student mentoring to help provide students with a means whereby they may address any issues they may have, academic or otherwise, in their growth as young individuals who still need some form of guidance.

Course Outcome of Honours Course in English:

After completion of the, students will be able to:

- Understand the range, significance and scope of English Literature and the growth and evolution of the Language.

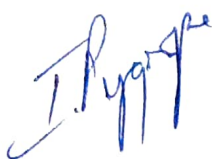
- Develop a holistic understanding of English Poetry, Drama and Novel and also acquire rudiments of Rhetoric and Prosody.
- To have an awareness towards the problems of interpreting Indian Culture via the English Language and acquaintance with the work of significant Indian writers of Poetry, Prose Fiction and Drama..
- Broaden their literary horizon and increase their understanding by being receptive.
- Understand literary texts with a critical perspective which will help them in developing their own value systems.
- Be able to write clearly and effectively for a variety of professional and social settings
- Analyse, interpret and understand the complex interrelationships between authors, texts, and specific social, political, and historical contexts.
- Interpret texts according to its genres and use it for lifelong learning

Course Outcomes of the Elective English Course:

- Empowerment of the students to critically understand and analyze literature across a wide range of literary ages and contexts.
- Development of the critical idea of identifying genres of literature and figures of speech and reference to specific context and relevance to everyday life.
- Development of acumen for self-expression is also a vital part of this paper.

Course Outcomes of the Compulsory English and Alternative English:

- Considerable acquaintance of the students with literary texts and the importance of language across the disciplines.
- Understanding the basic concepts and ideas of prose and poetry.
- Analysing the critical points of the texts and ability to identify the grammar topics.
- Understand the procedure involved in communication skills and the steps to be followed.
- Solve grammatical exercises and develop their skill in spoken and written communication.



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