

Specification Document

Master's Program in English

General Information about the Program		
1	Program Title and Final Award	Master's Degree in English (Thesis Track)
2	Awarding Body/ Institution	Faculty of Arts & Humanities, Sana'a University
3	Teaching Institution/ Responsible Department	Department of English
4	Other departments involved in teaching the program	Nil
5	Medium of Instruction	English
6	Program Start Year	
7	Study Mode	Regular
8	Type of Program	10 Courses + Thesis
9	Place of Study	Faculty of Arts & Humanities, Sana'a University Campus
10	System of Study	Credit Hour System (Semester System)
11	Duration of the Program	1 Preliminary Year for coursework study (30 C. Hrs.) + 1 Year for Master's Thesis Preparation (6 C. Hrs.)
12	Possible Future Career Options for Graduates:	
13	Final Award:	Master's Degree in English Literature, American Literature, Linguistics, or Translation (based on the thesis topic)
14	Prerequisite Qualifications	Bachelor's Degree in English
15	Required GPA/ Average Grade for Admission	An average grade of no less than "good" (according to Higher Studies Regulations)
16	Other Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicants must successfully pass a personal interview and an Entrance Test. • Applicants must fulfill all the requirements as stipulated in the Higher Studies Regulations.
17	Program Coordinator	Dr. Ahmed Al-Bakeri Dr. Hamid Al-Moqri

18	Date of Program Specification/ Latest Accreditation:	
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Program Vision, Mission, and Aims	
▪ Program Mission	
<p>The program seeks to provide a distinguished level of academic knowledge and advanced professional skills in the English language, translation studies, and literature. It aims to empower students to pursue doctoral-level education and equip them with the capability to deliver community-oriented services by fulfilling the needs of the local labor market, whether in the field of teaching or translation.</p>	
▪ Program Aims	
<p>The Master's Program in English intends to achieve the following aims:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Providing students with academic knowledge and proficiency in their field of study in the English language, literature, and translation. 2. Equipping students with the required knowledge and skills to conduct scholarly research in their field of study, demonstrating their deep understanding of research methodologies and tools, through conducting research projects and papers. 3. Enabling students to apply critical thinking skills by analyzing linguistic and literary texts using diverse analytical frameworks. 4. Familiarizing students with various literary forms and theories of English linguistics and translation. 5. Enriching the students' cultural awareness and enhancing their intercultural communication skills through the study of literary texts from different cultures. 6. Developing students' lifelong learning skills and instilling a spirit of collaboration and teamwork. 	

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Program Intended Learning Outcomes (PILOs)

First: Knowledge and Understanding

Upon successful completion of this program, graduates will be able to:

A1	Demonstrate comprehensive knowledge and understanding of diverse linguistic and literary theories, as well as modern translation theories.
A2	Display wide awareness of the prevailing social and cultural values in other cultures, particularly European and American cultures.
A3	Explain research methodologies, tools, and various techniques, including the use of modern technological means.
A4	Discuss with understanding the major schools of English and American literary criticism.

Second: Cognitive/Intellectual Skills
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Upon successful completion of this program, graduates will be able to:

B1	Differentiate between the various literary forms and their distinct characteristics.
B2	Critically examine and scientifically interpret linguistic and cultural phenomena.
B3	Compare and contrast different literary and linguistic theories, as well as translation theories and methods to select the most appropriate for practical application.
B4	Evaluate various research methods and techniques to choose the most appropriate for conducting research in their field of study.

Third: Professional and Practical Skills

Upon successful completion of this program, graduates will be able to:

C1	Apply linguistic and literary theories to analyze and critically examine texts in a scholarly manner.
C2	Utilize various translation methods and techniques to translate texts from English to Arabic and vice versa.
C3	Employ research methods and tools to collect, analyze, and present data in a scholarly manner.

Fourth: General and Transferable Skills

Upon successful completion of this program, graduates will be able to:

D1	Communicate effectively with others by leveraging the linguistic and cultural knowledge acquired in their field of study.
D2	Engage in lifelong learning to advance their academic and professional expertise.
D3	Demonstrate skills in time management, working under pressure, and participating in collaborative activities.
D4	Contribute to the advancement of knowledge across the various academic disciplines within their field of study.

Program Study Plan

First Semester							
	Course Title	Code No.	Credit Hours				Pre-Requisites
			Th.	Pr.	Tut.	Total C.H.	
1	Issues and Problems in Translation		1	2	-	3	
2	Functional Grammar		3	-	-	3	
3	Topics in English Literature		3	-	-	3	
4	Recent Trends in Linguistics		3	-	-	3	
5	Topics in American Literature		3	-	-	3	
Total Credit Hours			13	2	-	15	

Second Semester							
	Course Title	Code No.	Credit Hours				Pre-Requisites
			Th.	Pr.	Tut.	Total C.H.	
1	Specialized Translation		1	2	-	3	
2	Comparative Literature		3	-	-	3	
3	Discourse Analysis		1	2	-	3	
4	Literary Criticism		3	-	-	3	
5	Research Methods		1	2	-	3	
Total Credit Hours			9	6	-	15	

Course Title	Code No.	Credit Hours
Master's Thesis	—	6

Admission Requirements for the Program as per Higher Studies Regulations

Required Specializations:	1. Bachelor's degree with a minimum GPA of 65% in one of the following disciplines: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English Language• English Language and Literature• English Language and Linguistics• English Language and Translation• English Language and Education
Other Requirements Such as (Entrance Exam/ Personal Interview)	Successful completion of a personal interview with the departmental admissions committee.

Graduation Requirements

To successfully graduate from the program, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Complete the preliminary year (two semesters) with a minimum GPA of 65%.
2. Maintain a minimum attendance rate of 70% in all lectures during each semester.
3. Successfully pass each course with a minimum grade of 65%.
4. Prepare and defend a thesis in accordance with the regulations and policies of the Graduate Studies Department.
5. Obtain a passing score on the General Proficiency Exams.

Teaching Staff			
	Professor	Associate Professor	Assistant Professor
Required Faculty Members	1	1	3
Available Members	1	3	12
Remarks			

Thesis Registration Process and Supervision System

1. Registration Requirements:

To register for a thesis, students must meet the following requirements:

- Successfully complete all preparatory year courses with a minimum GPA of 65%.
- Prepare a research proposal on a specific topic in literature, linguistics, or translation.
- Convene a seminar in the Department to discuss the research plan and obtain approval.
- Obtain approval from the Department Council for the thesis title and complete further procedures of the thesis registration officially.

Thesis Completion Timeline:

The standard timeline for completing a thesis is one year. Under exceptional circumstances, an extension of up to two years may be granted upon the supervisor's recommendation. In such cases, students must submit a request to the Graduate Studies Department accompanied by a letter from the supervisor explaining the reasons for the extension.

2. System of Thesis Supervision:

Supervisor Appointment and Responsibilities:

- A faculty member from the department will be nominated to supervise the thesis based on their expertise and supervision load. One of the faculty members in the department is nominated to supervise the thesis, based on their

specialization and supervision load.

- The thesis supervisor must hold a minimum academic rank of Associate Professor or be an Assistant Professor with at least four years of academic experience.
- The supervisor should conduct regular meetings with the student to provide feedback and monitor the progress of the work.
- The supervisor should prepare a progress report every three months and submit copies to the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs and the Graduate Studies Office.