

Department of English  
MA in English  
Handbook



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## MA in English (New Curriculum)

### Duration of the program:

3 semesters: for 4 years English students

4 semesters: for 3 years BA (Hons.) students in English

### Admission Requirements:

Students are admitted in any of the two semesters in a year. Admission to the MA program is selective. Admission forms are available in the admission office. All prospective students should submit completed application forms within the deadline for submission. To apply for admission, students must fulfil the criteria outlined below:

The minimum requirements for admission to MA in English program are as follows:

1. Minimum GPA of 2.50 in both SSC and HSC Examinations **OR**

Candidates must have passed University of London and Cambridge GCE 'O' Level in at least five subjects and 'A' Level in at least two subjects. Only the best five subjects in 'O' Level and best two subjects in 'A' Level will be considered. Out of these seven subjects, a candidate must have at least 4Bs or GPA of 4.00 in the four subjects and 3 Cs or GPA of 3.5 in the remaining three subjects. (on the scale of A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2 and E=1)

2. **BA (Hons.) in English from public universities** with a minimum **2nd class with a minimum CGPA of 2.50 OR BA in English from private universities** with a minimum **CGPA of 2.50**

### Total minimum credit requirement to complete the program:

#### For students with 4-year BA in English = 36 credits

Core courses: 5 x 3 = 15 credits

Elective courses: 5 x 3 = 15 credits

Dissertation/two other courses: 6

#### For students with 3-year Hons in English = 45 credits

Core courses: 7x3= 21 credits

Elective courses: 6x3= 18

Dissertation/two other courses: 6

### Total class weeks in a Year/semester:

16-18 classes in a semester. One class each week for each course. Duration of each class: 2.5 hours

### Minimum CGPA requirements for graduation:

Students are required to maintain a CGPA of 2.5 out of 4 throughout the program. Failing to maintain the required CGPA will lead to dismissal from the program. But students will have a probation period of two consecutive semesters to improve their CGPA. If students fail to raise their CGPA to the required level within two consecutive semesters, they will not be allowed to continue with the MA program.

**Maximum academic years of completion:** Five (5) years

**Category of Courses:**

1. Core courses (Courses that characterize the discipline)
2. Elective Courses (Courses for specialization within the discipline)

**Year/Level/Semester/Term wise distribution**

Students can take any course at any semester except for ENG 9507, which should be taken in or after the second semester.

**Description of the Programme:**

MA in English Literature at East West University (EWU) with its new curriculum prepares the students with the latest knowledge in the field of English Literature and Studies. The contemporary world of literature is a fusion of literature, literary theories, culture, and media. To keep up with this contemporary field of research interest, the program offers courses on global as well as local English Literature and theories, such as Contemporary British Literature, South Asian Literature in English, Partition Literature, Translation: Theory and Practice, Digital Humanities, Ecocriticism: Theory and Practice, War and Trauma in Literary Studies, Literature and Spirituality, Film, Literature and Adaptation, and Graphic Novels among other very significant courses.

**Why study MA in English at EWU:**

- The latest curriculum caters to the needs of the contemporary world.
- Courses are taught by highly experienced faculty members.
- The program can prepare students to target scholarship for higher studies around the world since it exclusively targets on advancing students' research skills; Students are entitled to do dissertations under the guidance of a supervisor.
- The Department of English at EWU regularly organizes national and international conferences as well as seminar series that familiarize students with scholarly platforms.
- MA courses are offered in the evening and on weekends. Therefore, managing time for classes is easier for full-time professionals too.
- EWU offers several scholarships; MA students with outstanding results also have the scope to work as Graduate Teaching Assistants and Research Assistants.
- At EWU, semesters run smoothly, and results are always published on schedule and before the end of every semester.

**Vision and Mission of East West University**

East West University, rated among the top private universities of Bangladesh, is an institution that promotes eastern culture and values and meaningfully blends eastern and western thought and innovation. As an institution of higher learning that promotes and inculcates ethical standards, values and norms, East West University (EWU) is committed to the ideals of equal opportunity, transparency and non-discrimination. The Primary mission of EWU is to provide, at a reasonable cost, tertiary education characterized by academic excellence in a range of subjects that are particularly relevant to current and anticipated social needs. Central to the university's mission is its intention to provide students with opportunities, resources and expertise to achieve academic, personal and career goals within a stimulating and supportive environment. EWU is striving not only to maintain high quality in both instruction and research, it is also rendering community service through dissemination of information, organization of training programs and other activities. Sensitive to the needs of its students and staff, EWU is committed to providing a humane, responsive and invigorating atmosphere for productive learning and innovative thinking.

## **Accreditation and Collaboration**

East West University is accredited by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, and its curricula and programs have been approved by the Bangladesh University Grants Commission. The President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh is the Chancellor of EWU. The Vice Chancellor, the Pro-Vice Chancellor, and the Treasurer are appointees of the President of the country in his capacity as the Chancellor of the University.

## **Location**

The permanent campus of East West University is located in Aftabnagar, Rampura on the Progoti Sarani close to BTV Bhaban on 7.4 bighas of land. Total floor area of the 9 storied university complex is 4,58,957.04sft. East West University has also bought 594.75 decimals (5.95 acres) of land at Mouja Vadham, P.S. Tongi, District Gazipur. In addition, it has received an allotment of one bigha of land at Uttara from Rajuk.

## **Library**

East West University library has a collection of over 25,487 volumes of books and the full-texts of more than 132 journals can be freely accessed by faculty members, teaching assistants, researchers, students and staff of EWU. The EWU library has also access to more than 10,000 online journals.

Students and faculty members have full access to the library.

The Library offers open access to its shelves. Books have a classified shelf arrangement.

The library utilizes CDS/ISIS, software developed by UNESCO, to provide information.

## **Labs and Amenities**

EWU provides its students with a clean, spacious and fully air-conditioned campus with modern facilities. All classrooms have overhead projectors for the benefit of both teachers and students. EWU also has seven state-of-the-art Computer Laboratories. In addition, the English Department has a Writing Center to facilitate the learning of English.

**Medical Center**, attended by full-time doctors, provides health services for everyone in the university.

## **EWU Center for Research and Training (EWUCRT)**

Recently, East West University Center for Research and Training (EWUCRT) has been set up to create knowledge through academic and applied research and disseminate the acquired knowledge through training & publication. The major functions of EWUCRT are to conduct: academic research, training programs, consulting research, publication seminars, symposium and workshop.

## **Career Counseling Center**

The Career Counseling Center provides proper guidance to students about their career plans. The center liaises with prospective employers and arranges internships and jobs for students and graduates.

The Career Counseling Center works to place students with leading business organizations of the nation who can expand their activities by utilizing fresh minds imbued with modern skills and expertise. As a forerunner among private universities in Bangladesh, the center endeavors not only to ensure excellence in education but also to help students find suitable careers. The centre organizes job fairs, workshops and seminars on a regular basis for both career-seeking individuals, participating companies and potential bodies who are employers to make them interact to get to know each other's needs and priorities. Besides, the largest job portal in Bangladesh, BDJobs.com, has established a linkage with Career Counseling Center to extend job services to East West graduates.

## **Scholarships**

East West University offers merit scholarships and need-based financial assistance to deserving students. Every semester the university distributes at least 8.20% of its total earnings among 20.58% or more of its students.

## **East West University Sexual Harassment Elimination and Prevention Policy**

East West University considers a position against sexual harassment to be thoroughly consistent with its overall mission and its longstanding commitment to creating a positive environment in order to achieve academic excellence for all.

- Features of the Policy-
  - Defining Sexual Harassment.
  - Forming a Complaint Committee.
  - Providing transparent and neutral procedures.
  - Providing punishment to perpetrators.
- Extent of the Policy-
  - Acts committed by students, faculty members, officials, administrative staff members, applicants and visitors ( and their victims and perpetrators) within the premise
  - Acts of sexual harassment through use of cyber space.

## **Co-curricular Activities**

In addition to academic activities, opportunities for different co-curricular activities are offered round the year. The university has a number of clubs to promote various extra-curricular activities.

These include: Business Club, Computer Club, Cultural Club, Cine & Photography Club, Debating Club, English Poetry & Drama Club, Electronics Club, English Conversation Club, Environmental & Social Club, Financial Analysis & Research Club, MBA Club, Natural Science Club, Programming Club, Pharmacy Club, Rotaract Club, Sports Club, Telecommunications Club, Creative Marketing Club.

## **Rules and Regulations**

### **Grading Policy**

EWU is committed to high academic standards in keeping with real world demands for excellence.

Academic performance is evaluated using a full range of grades from 'A' through 'F'.

Academic progress is reported using the following grades:

A	Excellent
B	Good
C	Satisfactory
D	Pass
F	Failed to meet minimum standards.

The following designators are used when the above letter grades do not apply:

I	Incomplete
WV	Waived Course Requirement
TR	Transfer Credit
W	Withdraw

Cumulative Grade Point Averages (CGPA) are calculated for all students and are based on a 4.00 point scale. The numerical equivalents of the grades are as follows:

Numerical Grade	Letter Grade		Grade Point
80% and above	A+	(A Plus)	4.0
75% to less than 80%	A	(A Regular)	3.75
70% to less than 75%	A-	(A Minus)	3.5
65% to less than 70%	B+	(B Plus)	3.25
60% to less than 65%	B	(B Regular)	3.0
55% to less than 60%	B-	(B Minus)	2.75
50% to less than 55%	C+	(C Plus)	2.5
45% to less than 50%	C	(C Regular)	2.25
40% to less than 45%	D		2.0
Less than 40%	F		0.0

### **Retake Policy**

A student will be allowed to retake as many courses as he/she wants, but students will be allowed to retake a particular course only once with any grade he/she earned previously.

A student with 'F' Grade(s) in a course(s) may retake the same any number of times to pass within the time limit allowed for Graduation. In case of repeating a course due to 'F' grade, the 'F' grade of previous attempt(s) will be converted to 'R' grade and the grade of last attempt will be counted in CGPA.

A student using the advantage of Retake Policy shall not be eligible for getting Gold Medal/Award/Distribution.

### **Incomplete (I) Grade**

Incomplete (I) grade is granted only in exceptional cases, such as, when illness or work-related travel is documented and when substantial course requirements have already been completed. Students must seek approval from the instructor prior to the regularly scheduled final examination. If remaining course work has not been completed by the end of week 1 of the next semester, grade 'I' automatically becomes grade 'F'.

The student has the sole responsibility to take the initiative in making up the requirements for the incomplete grade as specified by the instructor. If action is not taken within one week of the commencement of the next semester, the "I" grade will automatically be converted to "F", otherwise, the "I" grade will revert to the tentative final grade (the final grade becomes an "F" if no tentative grade was assigned). In the event where the instructor from whom a student received an incomplete grade is not available, the disposition of the case involving an incomplete grade resides with the respective Dean of Faculty.

### **Withdrawals**

The grade "Withdrawal" (W) is assigned when a student officially drops a course within the date mentioned in the Academic Calendar for the semester. The amount of refund is related to the date of withdrawal as indicated in the Academic Calendar.

### **Probation**

Students must maintain a minimum CGPA of 2.5 to remain in good standing. If the CGPA of a student falls below 2.5, she/he will be put on probation.

### **Dismissal**

Students are dismissed from the program for failure to make satisfactory academic progress. Students failing to raise their CGPA to 2.5 in two consecutive semesters after they were on probation will be dismissed from the program.

### **Time Limitations**

Students are allowed up to five years from the date of initial enrolment to complete their degree requirements. Under certain circumstances, the time limit may be extended upon request to the Academic Council.

## Academic Honesty

There is a policy of zero tolerance on cheating. Any form of cheating such as copying any document or another person's work, seeking or providing help to other students during tests, or adopting any other form of unfair means during exams, will constitute grounds for disciplinary action. Instructors are expected to use reasonably practical means of preventing and detecting cheating. Any student found to be cheating will be reported to the Dean of concerned faculty by the relevant faculty member for disciplinary action.

## Admission procedure

**Applicants will be asked to sit for a written test and an interview. A list of candidates found suitable will be sent to the admission committee for approval.**

## Graduation Requirements

Students are required to maintain a CGPA of 2.5 throughout the program. Failing to maintain the required CGPA will lead to dismissal from the program. But students will have a probation period of two consecutive semesters to improve their CGPA. If students fail to raise their CGPA to the required level within two consecutive semesters, they will not be allowed to continue with the MA program.

## Transfer of Credits & Course Waivers

Credits done at the MA level in other recognized universities may be waived or transferred only if the evaluation committee finds the course/courses equivalent to EWU MA course/ courses. In this regard, the minimum grade required for credit transfer will be B- or equivalent marks and a maximum of 25% credits will be allowed for transfer.

Students must complete a minimum of 27 credits for 4-year background, and 36 credits for 3-year background at EWU to obtain the MA degree.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Name of Programs	Total Credit	Fee per Credit	Tuition Fees	Lab & Activities Fees	Admission Fee	Grand Total
MA in English	40.0	4,000/=	160,000/=	4,530/=	15,000/=	<b>179,530/=</b>
MA in English	45.0	4,000/=	180,000/=	6,040/=	15,000/=	<b>201,040/=</b>

## \*Dissertation Option

A student is eligible for dissertation if he or she is able to maintain not less than 3.3 CGPA in all courses that s/he has taken while continuing the MA coursework; in addition, s/he has to obtain a 'B+' in Research Methodology course (ENG 9507). Usually one semester is allocated for submitting the research work (a 6 credit course) but one more semester can be offered if permitted by the authorities. However, if one cannot finish within two semesters, they have to apply for readmission and continue the research for the awarding of the degree.

**\*Dissertation can be done in any one of the major areas studying during the programme.**

## Notable Alumni

- Dr Rubana Huq, Vice-chancellor of Asian University for Women since February 2022, Managing Director of Mohammadi Group, and former president of BGMEA.
- Farhana Islam, PhD student and Graduate Teaching Assistant at the University of Albany, State University of New York System, former Lecturer at East West University.

Important links:

<https://flass.ewubd.edu/english-department/graduate-programs>

<https://www.facebook.com/EWU.ENG>

<https://www.facebook.com/edseminarseries>

### Course List

<b>Serial No.</b>	<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Course Type</b>
1.	ENG 9501	Professional Communications	<b>Core</b>
2.	ENG 9502	Modernism to Postmodernism	Elective
3.	ENG 9503	Masterpieces of World Literature	Elective
4.	ENG 9504	Translation: Theory and Practice	Elective
5.	ENG 9505	War and Trauma in Literary Studies	Elective
6.	ENG 9506	Contemporary British Literature	<b>Core</b>
7.	ENG 9507	Research Methods in English Literature	<b>Core</b>
8.	ENG 9508	South Asian Literature in English	<b>Core</b>
9.	ENG 9509	Contemporary American Literature	<b>Core</b>
10.	ENG 9510	Advanced Literary Theory	Elective
11.	ENG 9511	Partition Literature	Elective
12.	ENG 9512	Literature and Spirituality	Elective
13.	ENG 9513	Advanced Cultural Studies	Elective
14.	ENG 9514	Gender and Feminism	Elective
15.	ENG 9515	Ecocriticism: Theory and Practice	Elective
16.	ENG 9516	Digital Humanities	Elective
17.	ENG 9517	Children's Literature	Elective
18.	ENG 9518	Film, Literature and Adaptation	Elective
19.	ENG 9519	Sci-fi and Fantasy Literature	Elective
20.	ENG 9520	Graphic Novels	Elective
21.	ENG 9521	From Media to New Media	Elective
22.	ENG 9545	Practicum	Elective
23.	ENG 9582	Curriculum and Materials Design	Elective
24.	ENG 9599	Dissertation	Elective