

RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB



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M.A. (ENGLISH) PROGRAMME

(Department of Literary and Cultural Studies)

Applications are invited from eligible graduates for admission to the Two-Year M.A. (English) Programme at Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab for the Academic Session 2026–2028. The programme offers 40 seats and is designed to provide students with a strong foundation in literary studies, cultural studies, critical theory, digital humanities, and interdisciplinary research, along with opportunities for academic specialization. The last date to submit the online application form is 16 August 2026 (11:59 PM). Details regarding the Programme Structure, Fee, Eligibility, Admission Form, and Reservation Policy are available on the University website: www.rgnul.ac.in

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**RAJIV GANDHI NATIONAL
UNIVERSITY OF LAW, PUNJAB**

Department of Literary & Cultural Studies

M.A. English

*Reimagining Literary Education
through the*

**CONSTELLATION
CURRICULUM SYSTEM**

Choose Your Own Academic Journey.

A UNIQUE, FLEXIBLE & INTERDISCIPLINARY POST-GRADUATION PROGRAMME



Duration
2 Years
(4 Semesters)



Credits
80



Courses
6 Coursee
each semester



Dissertation
Semester IV



INTAKE
40
Seats Only



FEE STRUCTURE
₹58,000
per annum

★ THE CONSTELLATION CURRICULUM SYSTEM ★
Begin with a General M.A. in English and design your own academic pathway by choosing from a rich constellation of courses across disciplines.



Freedom to explore. Flexibility to choose. Direction to excel.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS



Choice Based
Credit System
(NEP 2020)



Interdisciplinary
& Holistic
Learning



Research
Oriented
Curriculum



Global, Indian
Literary and
Cultural Frames



Academic
Writing &
Dissertation

EXPLORE. CHOOSE. SPECIALIZE.

A wide constellation of electives to match your interests and shape your future.



LITERARY STUDIES

- Studies in Poetry
- Studies in Drama
- Studies in Fiction
- Shakespeare Studies
- Comparative Literature
- Myth & Literature
- Children's Literature



CULTURAL STUDIES

- Film Studies
- Memory Studies
- Punjab Studies
- Dystopian Writings
- Partition Literature
- Gender & Sexuality
- Literary Turns



CRITICAL & CONTEMPORARY STUDIES

- Disability Studies
- Religion & Literature
- Environmental Humanities
- Postcolonial Studies
- Dalit Studies
- Critical Discourse Analysis
- English Language Teaching

CAREER PATHS THAT INSPIRE



Academia &
Teaching



Research &
Higher Studies



Publishing &
Editing



Media, Film &
Cultural Industries



Civil Services &
Public Policy



NGOs, Think Tanks &
Cultural Organizations



Content, Communication
& Creative Writing

ADMISSION INFORMATION



ELIGIBILITY
Bachelor's Degree /
B.A. (Hons.)
Minimum
55% Marks
50% for SC/ST



ADMISSION PROCESS
Admission based on
UG MERIT
(As notified by
the University)



IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Total Seats: 40
Reservation as per
University norms
Candidates awaiting
final results may apply
provisionally.



LAST DATE TO APPLY
16 AUGUST 2026

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Course Structure

for

M.A. English (Semesters I - IV)

Academic Session 2025-2027

This document outlines the comprehensive syllabus and course structure for the Master of Arts (M.A.) in English programme at the Department of Literary and Cultural Studies, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab. The curriculum is designed to provide rigorous academic training in literature, cultural theory, and interdisciplinary approaches to English Studies.

The course spans four semesters and integrates:

- Core literature papers across traditional, modern, and contemporary periods
- Critical and cultural theory modules
- Research methodology and academic writing components
- Interdisciplinary and elective courses
- Seminar, project, and dissertation requirements

The programme emphasizes critical thinking, research depth, theoretical grounding, and engagement with global as well as Indian literary and cultural frameworks, aligned with contemporary academic and NEP standards.

Programme: M.A. English

Duration: Four Semesters (Two Years)

Proposed Seats: 40

Eligibility : Merit based on UG course

About RGNUL

The Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, was established by the State Legislature of Punjab by passing the Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab Act, 2006 (Punjab Act No. 12 of 2006). The University is committed to promoting legal education and research, to advance and disseminate “instructional, research, and extension facilities in the teaching of English and Literatures in India” as well as “to take appropriate measures for interdisciplinary studies and research in Literary and Cultural Studies, and to develop critical intercultural understanding of civilizations. providing a platform for intellectual exchange, and contributing to national development through its academic initiatives. Accredited with an ‘A’ grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), RGNUL is among the top-ranked law schools in India. The University remains steadfast in its mission to provide an environment conducive to innovative research and quality legal education.

Vision of Department

The Department, as a part of national institution with a global outlook, aspires to achieve excellence in the humanities, with a special focus on languages, literatures, and cultures.

Mission of Department

The University believes in advancing knowledge through innovative training, research and education in English, in the fields of teacher education and production of pedagogic materials, literature, language sciences, philosophy, and interdisciplinary humanities that includes collaboration with institutions of international excellence. The long-term goals of the University encompass the development of language proficiency tests and the promotion of critical intercultural understanding of civilizations. The University is committed to

providing students with opportunities for holistic development, creating a gender-sensitive, differently-abled friendly environment, and promoting a sense of social responsibility among students. The objectives of the University are to bring quality education in the disciplines and subdisciplines of English within the reach of all Indian and international students.

Objectives

- To provide instruction on par with international standards in the humanities to enable students to compete nationally and globally.
- To train language teachers in methods and approaches appropriate to the Indian and global contexts.
- To produce innovative teaching and learning materials in both print and electronic media.
- To upgrade and promote research and knowledge of the faculty by providing opportunities for improvement, and by the extension of logistic support.
- To provide international exposure to students through exchange programmes, collaborative research projects, and joint degrees with leading foreign universities.
- To create an able and skilled workforce for the industry and research talent for the country.
- To facilitate a holistic development of students through curricular and extracurricular activities including interaction with eminent personalities.
- To create a gender-sensitive environment.
- To create a conducive environment for the differently-abled.

- To inculcate social responsibility in students through extension activities and participation in community life.
- To expand its outreach globally through Open Educational Resources. To offer consultancy services along with attractive and innovative curricular programmes.
- To harness digital technologies in academic programmes and in administration, in tune with the changing times.

Constellation Curriculum System

The university offers a one-of-its-kind MA program in English. It offers academic flexibility and provides the students the framework to choose the courses and the degree they graduate with. The Constellation Curriculum System provides the students admission to a general MA program and further facilitates them to choose their courses from an extensive constellation of courses.

The program gives students opportunity and freedom to explore and to figure out their interests. It follows the credit-based choice system. The MA Constellation Curriculum System cuts across schools and departments and the student can exit with one of the following degrees dependent on the credits and the courses done as per the program stipulations. Just as stars form unique constellations based on how they are connected, the system provides students the freedom to design their own academic journey, choosing courses aligned with their intellectual interests and professional aspirations.

To earn a specific degree, you need to fulfill the credit requirements specified under the degree. The degree that you are awarded at the end of the program will depend on the courses you opt for in the four semesters of study. *For instance, if you have done the stipulated number of courses from the menu of Linguistics and have earned the stipulated number of credits for the M.A. Linguistics degree, you will be awarded a degree in M.A. Linguistics.* Therefore, it is necessary that you choose courses carefully.

Students may choose to graduate with a General M.A. in English by earning the prescribed **80 credits across four semesters**. Alternatively, students may opt to pursue a Specialization by selecting a cluster of advanced courses in a chosen domain and completing **20 specialization credits in two years**.

Credit requirements

A student registered for the **2-year M.A. programme** needs to do a minimum of **80 credits** across the four semesters of study. This would roughly translate to **6 courses per semester**. Each course has its own credit stipulations which need to be fulfilled in order to earn a particular degree. In the case of the M.A. Constellation programme, a student will be required to decide, at the beginning of the first semester, the degree he/she wishes to get. The Coordinator of the MA Constellation programme will check, guide and advise the student regarding the requirements.

Following the National Education Policy 2020, from the academic year 2022-23, “students benefit from qualification in a foreign language or an Indian language, and get useful introduction to courses from technology, engineering, mathematics, social sciences, business studies and other allied fields/disciplines, referred to as STEM courses”. The aim is to provide a holistic and multidisciplinary approach to education and develop critical thinking, versatility, adaptability, problem solving, flexibility, and analytical and communication skills in the students. The M.A. programme has a new research orientation with the inclusion of a course in research methodology, and a dissertation in the final semester. A student is required to do a dissertation in the fourth semester. The dissertation will fetch the student 5 credits. The following sections list the programme specific outcomes, the credit requirements, and courses offered for each of the M.A. programmes.

M.A. English (through the Constellation mode)

M.A. General English is a programme where a student takes courses from English Language Teaching, Linguistics, and Literature, without specializing in any one of them. Therefore, the credits should come from all these disciplines.

Course Credit Structure

- 2 Years | 4 Semesters | 80 Credits Total
- 20 Credits per Semester
- 6 Courses per Semester

Compulsory & Elective Distribution

Semester	Compulsory Papers	Elective Papers	Dissertation	Total Courses
Semester I	4	2	-	6
Semester II	4	2	-	6
Semester III	4	2	-	6
Semester IV	3	2	1	5 + 1 = 6

Electives and Specialization Policy

Students may pursue the programme in either of the following tracks:

A) General M.A. English

- Students select electives freely across baskets.
- No specialization requirement.

B) Specialization Track

- Students must opt for specialization-specific electives from Semester I.
- Minimum 20 credits in the chosen area.
- Degree will reflect specialization on completion.

Dissertation Requirement

A mandatory dissertation (5 credits) is required in Semester IV, advancing research and academic writing skills.

NEP 2020 Alignment

The programme follows NEP 2020 guidelines by ensuring:

- Choice Based Credit System
- Interdisciplinary flexibility
- Multi-exit and specialization pathways
- Research-based learning

MA English – Compulsory Course Structure

Semester 1

Course Code	Course Title	Credits
ENGC101	Survey of English Literature	04
ENGC102	British Literature	04
ENGC103	Literary Theory and Criticism – Part I	04
ENGC104	Study of Language and Linguistics	03
ENGE001	Optional I	03
ENG002	Optional II	02
A001	Assignment/Project	01

Semester 2

Course Code	Course Title	Credits
ENGC201	Indian Writings in English and Translated works	04
ENGC202	World Literature	03
ENGC203	Literary Theory and Criticism – Part II	04
ENGC204	European Literature	03

ENGE003	Optional III	03
ENGE004	Optional IV	02
A002	Assignment/Project	01

Semester 3

Course Code	Course Title	Credits
ENGC301	Gender & Sexuality	04
ENGC302	Studies in Non-Fiction	03
ENGC303	Research Methodology	03
ENGC304	Introduction to Cultural Studies- I	03
ENGE005	Optional 5	03
ENG006	Optional 6	03
A003	Assignment/Project	01

Semester 4

Course Code	Course Title	Credits
ENGC401	Literature of the Americas	04
ENGC402	Cultural Studies- II	03
ENGC403	Academic Writing	03
ENGC404	Dissertation	05
ENGE007	Optional 7	03

ENGE008	Optional 8	02
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Optional Courses

Semester 1

Course	Credits	Code
Environmental Humanities	3	ENGE001
Comparative Literature	3	ENGE001
Critical Discourse Analysis	3	ENGE001
Memory Studies	2	ENGE002
Film Studies	2	ENGE002
Literary Turns I	2	ENGE002
English Language Teaching	2	ENGE002

Semester 2

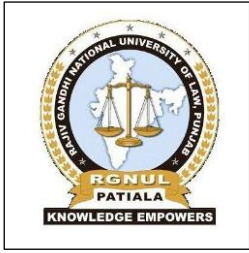
Course	Credits	Code
Studies in Poetry I	3	ENGE003
Studies in Drama I	3	ENGE003
Studies in Fiction I	3	ENGE003
Postcolonial Studies I	3	ENGE003
Dalit Studies I	3	ENGE003
Shakespeare I	2	ENGE004
Writings from Punjab I	2	ENGE004
Dystopian Writings	2	ENGE004
Literary Turns II	2	ENGE004

Semester III

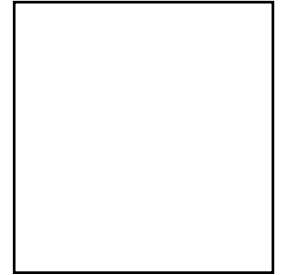
Course	Credits
Studies in Poetry II	3
Studies in Drama II	3
Studies in Fiction II	3
Postcolonial Studies II	3
Dalit Studies II	3
Writings From Punjab II	2
Shakespeare II	2
Literary Turns III	2
Partition Literature	2

Semester 4

Course	Credits
Studies in Poetry III	3
Studies in Drama III	3
Studies in Fiction III	3
Stylistics	3
Myth and Literature	3
Disability Studies	2
Religion and Literature	2
Children's Literature	2
Literary Turns IV	2
Dissertation	5



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Admission Form – 2026
M.A. ENGLISH
Department of English and Cultural Studies

1. Name (in Block Letters):.....

2. Date of Birth: Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

3. Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Third Gender

4. Father's Name:.....

Occupation:

5. Mother's Name:

Occupation:

6. Correspondence / Postal Address: _____

Phone No. (with STD Code): _____

Mobile No.: _____

E-mail Address: _____

7. Permanent Address: _____

Phone No. (with STD Code): _____

Mobile No.: _____

8. Category: ☐ General Category ☐ Scheduled Caste (SC) ☐ Scheduled Tribe (ST)

☐ Specially Abled Person (PwD)

9. Educational Qualifications (Matriculation/10th onwards, All semesters in graduation):

S. No.	Examination Passed	Year of Passing	Board/University	Marks Obtained	Maximum Marks	Percentage (%)	Subjects
1.							
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10. Fee Details

SBI Collect Transaction ID (starting with “DU”): _____

Date of Payment: _____

(Payment to be made through SBI Collect: <https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm>)

11. Have you ever been punished for misconduct or for using unfair means in any educational institution?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide full details:

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that:

1. I fulfil all the eligibility conditions as laid down in the RGNUL M.A. Regulations.
2. I have not been debarred from seeking admission to any educational institution in India or abroad.
3. I shall abide by the rules and regulations of Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law (RGNUL), Punjab, as amended and applicable from time to time.
4. The information furnished by me in the admission form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have not concealed any material information, and I fulfil all the prescribed eligibility conditions.
5. I shall not indulge in, encourage, or support any form of ragging.
6. I have read the RGNUL Regulations governing the M.A. Degree Programme and hereby undertake to comply with and abide by the same.
7. I undertake to deposit all fees and dues payable to the University within the prescribed time.

Date: _____

Place: _____

Signature of the Candidate: _____

Documents To Be Attached

- Three Passport Size Photographs
- **Attested Copies Of:**
 - Matric Certificate Containing Date of Birth
 - Qualification (Marks Sheet Certified or Degrees)
 - Category Certificate (Ref. Annexure-1)
 - Any Other Relevant Document

Send Complete Application Form at The Following Address By August 16, 2026

Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi National University of Law, Punjab Sidhuwal, Bhadson Road, Patiala – 147006

The **total fee payable at the time of admission** is:

Particulars	Amount (₹)
Admission Fee	10,000
Amenities Fee	5,000
Examination Fee	3,000
Library Fee	5,000
Security Deposit (Refundable)	10,000
Semester Fee	25,000
Total	58,000