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## Undergraduate Programme

Curriculum and Syllabus for

**B.A. English**

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**Note:** The Board of Studies in English (UG) designed the syllabus as per Common Model Syllabus provided by TANSCHÉ based on Learning Outcome based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) as prescribed by the UGC.

## **Introduction**

The undergraduate programme BA English, aims for students to leverage their knowledge of the English Language for analyzing literature, history, and its modern aspects through the core subjects. In addition, the course explores the intricacies of the English Language and its implementation in diverse fields. Moreover, the subjects in a BA English course are composed by detail-oriented educators, providing a weighty syllabus related to diverse aspects of English literature and the language world.

The B.A English subjects list's most significant and initial subject is the English Language. Initiating the three-year journey with the basics of English is necessary to further understand the in-depth concepts, complex language, and intricacies of world literature. The subject deals with a basic understanding of English grammar, with its origin, evolution, advancement, and further change with the modern world. The English language is also necessary to proceed toward complex study slowly. It also narrates the history of English, which can be very engaging and insightful for English learners. The subject allows learning the historical beginning and significance of English literature. Since the richness of English literature is heavily reliant on its history; therefore, this subject gathers the core English history modules covering the details of literature from different regions of the world. English literature also projects societal and cultural changes through the centuries that are reflected through its written works. As a student proceeds ahead, fields and specifications clear a lot better by possessing the knowledge and base of English literature, which is in its history.

A language's most significant trait is to communicate, and this B.A course English subject is added to the syllabus with the same intention. Communication in B.A English grants students the depth of using English as a communication medium. Fundamentals, theories, and communication tools are provided to the students to further enhance their English skills and make them more accomplishable. Communication subject also comprises the study of creative writing and public relations, helping students get enrolled in communication-based courses with the right foundation.

## Under Graduate Programme

### Programme Outcomes:

**PO1: Disciplinary Knowledge:** Capable of demonstrating comprehensive knowledge and understanding of one or more disciplines that form a part of an undergraduate programme of study.

**PO2: Critical Thinking:** Capability to apply analytic thought to a body of knowledge; analyse and evaluate evidence, arguments, claims, beliefs on the basis of empirical evidence; identify relevant assumptions or implications; formulate coherent arguments; critically evaluate practices, policies and theories by following scientific approach to knowledge development.

**PO3: Communication Skills:** Ability to express thoughts and ideas effectively in writing and orally communicate with others using appropriate media; confidently share one's views and express herself/himself; demonstrate the ability to listen carefully; read and write analytically and present complex information in a clear and concise manner to different groups.

**PO4: Research-related skills:** A sense of inquiry and capability for asking relevant/appropriate questions, problem arising, synthesizing and articulating; Ability to recognize cause-and-effect relationships, define problems, formulate hypotheses, test hypotheses, analyse, interpret and draw conclusions from data, establish hypotheses, predict cause-and-effect relationships; ability to plan, execute and report the results of an experiment or investigation

**PO5: Cooperation/Team work:** Ability to work effectively and respectfully with diverse teams; facilitate cooperative or coordinated effort on the part of a group, and act together as a group or a team in the interests of a common cause and work efficiently as a member of a team

**PO6: Reading & Projects:** Document their reading and interpretive practices in assignments, translation works, and independent projects.

**PO7: Confidence & Effectiveness:** Confidently and effectively articulate their literary and textual experiences.

**PO8: Social Skills & Empathetic Approach:** Reorganize a professional and reflective approach to leadership, responsibility, personal integrity, empathy, care and respect for others, accountability and self-regulation.

**PO9: Reflective thinking:** Critical sensibility to lived experiences, with self-awareness and reflexivity of both self and society.

**PO10 Information/Digital literacy:** Capability to use ICT in a variety of learning situations, demonstrate ability to access, evaluate, and use a variety of relevant information sources; and use appropriate software for analysis of data.

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### Programme Specific Outcomes:

**PSO1:** Read and interpret various literary texts focusing on themes, generic conventions, historical contexts, linguistic and stylistic variations and innovations.

**PSO2:** Analyse texts, evaluate ideas and apply critical concepts and categories with clarity.

**PSO3:** Work independently in terms of reading literary and critical texts and situate one's own reading, be aware of one's position in terms of society, religion, caste, region, gender and politics, to be self-reflexive and self-questioning.

**PSO4:** Developing a research framework and presenting their independent ideas effectively.

**PSO5:** Equipping their employability skills to excel in professions like teaching and exposing them to various activities to empower them through communication skills.

**PSO6:** Enabling a holistic perspective towards the socio-political inequalities and environmental issues

**Mapping of Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs) with Programme Outcomes (POs) and Programme Specific Outcomes (PSOs)** can be carried out accordingly, assigning the appropriate level in the grids:

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	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10
PSO1	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	2
PSO2	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	2
PSO3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	2
PSO4	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	2
PSO5	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	2
PSO6	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	2

**3 – Strong, 2 – Medium, 1 - Low**

### Credit Distribution for UG Programmes

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**Choice Based Credit System (CBCS), Learning Outcomes Based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) Guideline Based Credit and Hours Distribution System for all UG courses including Lab Hours**

**First Year – Semester-I**

<b>Part</b>	<b>List of Courses</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>No. of Hours</b>
Part-1	Language – Tamil	3	6
Part-2	English	3	6
Part-3	Core Courses & Elective Courses [in Total]	13	14
Part-4	Skill Enhancement Course SEC-1/ Basic Tamil/ Advanced Tamil	2	2
	Foundation Course	2	2
		<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>

**Semester-II**

<b>Part</b>	<b>List of Courses</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>No. of Hours</b>
Part-1	Language – Tamil	3	6
Part-2	English	3	6
Part-3	Core Courses & Elective Courses	13	14
Part-4	Skill Enhancement Course -SEC-2 / Basic Tamil/ Advanced Tamil	2	2
	Skill Enhancement Course -SEC-3 (Discipline / Subject Specific)	2	2
		<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>

**Second Year – Semester-III**

<b>Part</b>	<b>List of Courses</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>No. of Hours</b>
Part-1	Language - Tamil	3	6
Part-2	English	3	6
Part-3	Core Courses & Elective Courses	13	14
Part-4	Skill Enhancement Course -SEC-4 (Entrepreneurial Based)	1	1
	Skill Enhancement Course -SEC-5 (Discipline / Subject Specific)	2	2
	E.V.S	-	1
		<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>

**Semester-IV**

<b>Part</b>	<b>List of Courses</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>No. of Hours</b>
Part-1	Language - Tamil	3	6
Part-2	English	3	6
Part-3	Core Courses & Elective Courses	13	13
Part-4	Skill Enhancement Course -SEC-6 (Discipline / Subject Specific)	2	2
	Skill Enhancement Course -SEC-7 (Discipline / Subject Specific)	2	2
	E.V.S	2	1
		<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>

**Third Year  
Semester-V**

Part	List of Courses	Credit	No. of Hours
<b>Part-3</b>	Core Courses including Project / Elective	22	26
<b>Part-4</b>	Value Education	2	2
	Internship / Industrial Visit / Field Visit	2	2
		<b>26</b>	<b>30</b>

**Semester-VI**

Part	List of Courses	Credit	No. of Hours
<b>Part-3</b>	Core Courses including Project / Elective	18	28
<b>Part-4</b>	Extension Activity	1	-
	Professional Competency Skill	2	2
		<b>21</b>	<b>30</b>

**Consolidated Semester wise and Component wise Credit distribution**

Parts	Sem I	Sem II	Sem III	Sem IV	Sem V	Sem VI	Total Credits
<b>Part I</b>	3	3	3	3	-	-	12
<b>Part II</b>	3	3	3	3	-	-	12
<b>Part III</b>	13	13	13	13	22	18	92
<b>Part IV</b>	4	4	3	6	4	3	24
<b>Total</b>	23	23	22	25	26	21	<b>140</b>

**\*Part I, II, and Part III components will be separately taken into account for CGPA calculation and classification for the under graduate programme and the other components. Part IV has to be completed during the duration of the programme as per the norms, to be eligible for obtaining the UG degree**

Methods of Evaluation		
<b>Internal Evaluation</b>	Continuous Internal Assessment Test	25 Marks
	Assignments - Term Paper, Research Presentation, Case Study	
	Seminars – Group Discussion, Role Play, Critical Analysis	
	Attendance and Class Participation	
<b>External Evaluation</b>	End Semester Examination	75 Marks
	Total	100 Marks
Methods of Assessment		
<b>Recall(K1)</b>	Simple definitions, MCQ, Recall steps, Concept definitions	
<b>Understand/Comprehend(K2)</b>	MCQ, True/False, Short essays, Concept explanations, Short summary or Overview	
<b>Application (K3)</b>	Suggest idea / concept with examples, Observe, Explain, Term Paper, Research Presentations	
<b>Analyze(K4)</b>	Critical thinking questions, Differentiate between various ideas, Mind Map knowledge	
<b>Evaluate(K5)</b>	Longer essay / Evaluation essay, Critique or justify with pros and cons	
<b>Create(K6)</b>	Check knowledge in specific or off beat situations, Discussion, Debating or Case Study	

## B.A. ENGLISH - CREDIT DISTRIBUTION

### I YEAR FIRST SEMESTER

PART	Course Category	Course	Credits	Total Contact Hours/Week
I	FC1	Language – Tamil	3	6
II	FC1	100L1Z: English	3	6
III	CORE1	105C1A: Introduction to Literature	5	5
	CORE2	105C1B: Indian Writing in English	5	5
	ELECTIVE1	105E1A: Social History of England	3	4
IV	SEC1	105S1A: English for Communication*	2	2
		100L1L: Basic Tamil-I (Other Language Students)*		
		100L1M: Advanced Tamil-I (Other Language Students)*		
	SEFC	105B1A: Fundamental Framework for Reading English Literature	2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>

**\* PART-IV: SEC-1 / Basic Tamil / Advanced Tamil (Any one)**

- Students who have studied Tamil upto XII STD and also have taken Tamil in Part I shall take SEC-I.
- Students who have **not** studied Tamil upto XII STD and have taken any Language other than Tamil in Part-I shall take **Basic Tamil** comprising of Two Courses (level will be at 6<sup>th</sup> Std.).
- Students who have studied Tamil upto XII STD and have taken any Language other than Tamil in Part-I shall take **Advanced Tamil** comprising of Two Courses.

### SECOND SEMESTER

PART	Course Category	Course	Credits	Total Contact Hours/Week
I	FC2	Language – Tamil	3	6
II	FC2	100L2Z: English	3	6
III	CORE3	105C2A: British Literature–I	5	5
	CORE4	105C2B: American Literature –I	5	5
	ELECTIVE2	105E2A: History of English Literature	3	4
IV	SEC2	105S2A: Public Speaking Skills*	2	2
		100L2L: Basic Tamil (Other Language Students)*		
		100L2K: Advanced Tamil (Other Language Students)*		
	SEC3	105S2B: English For Careers	2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>23</b>	<b>30</b>