

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY



Syllabus

Department of English

**Four Year B.A Honours Course
Effective from the
Session : 2009–2010**

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Subject: English
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Year wise courses and marks distribution.

First year Honours.

Course Code	Course Title	Marks	Credits
1152	English Reading Skills	100	4
1153	English Writing Skills	100	4
1154	Introduction to Poetry	100	4
1155	Introduction to Prose: Fiction and Non-Fiction	100	4
6203	Introducing Sociology	100	4
	Or		
6212	Introduction to Social Work		
6192	Introduction to Political Theory	100	4
	Total =	600	24

Detailed Syllabus

First Year

Course Code:1152, Course Title: English Reading Skills Marks 100, 4 Cred-

The course seeks to develop students' reading skills and covers the following sub-skills;

- a). Guessing word meanings by using knowledge of word form (class), word function, word structure and formation and most importantly, contextual clues.
- b) Understanding ornamental expressions
- c) Tackling sentence meaning,
- d) Surveying text organization,
- e) Reading for specific information (skimming),
- f) Reading for general comprehension/gist (scanning),
- g) Summarizing,
- h) Predicting,
- i) Interpreting.
- j) Recognizing, author's position, tone and attitude

The reading texts will be chosen from different types of writing like descriptive, narrative, expository, argumentative, journalistic, and academic texts e.g. History, philosophy etc.

Williams, E. 1984. *Reading in the Language Classroom*. Mcmillan.

Wallace. 1992. *Reading*. OUP

Barr. P. Clegg, J. and Wallace, C. 1981. *Advanced Reading Skills*. Longman

Walter, Catherine. 1982. *Authentic Reading*. CUP

Greenwood, J. 1988. *Class Readers*. OUP

**Course Code:1153, Course Title: English Writing Skills
Lectures**

Marks 100, 4 Credits, 60

This course will focus on helping students develop their writing skills in English with focus on writing correct sentences, using proper punctuation marks, writing with good organization (coherence and cohesion), writing good topic sentences and concluding sentences in paragraphs, writing good introduction, body and conclusion. Students will be required to write: a) Paragraphs using a variety of techniques such as examples, listing, cause and effect, comparison, contrast, comparison-contrast among others.

- b) Descriptive, narrative, expository and argumentative essays
- c) Reports
- d) Formal and informal letters
- e) Amplifications
- f) Stories

Recommended Reading

Alice Oslima, Anna. *Introduction to Academic Writing*

Beverly Ingran and Carol King *From Writing to Composition*.

M. Knight. *English Essays for GCE O level*

Patricia Wilcox . *Developing Writing*

John Langan. 2001. *College Writing Skills (International edition)*. Mcgraw-Hill

R. R. Jordon. 1995. *Academic Writing*. OUP

H. Ramsey Fowles. 1983. *The Little Brown Handbook*. The Little Brown Company. (Text)

References:

.John Langan. 2001. *College Writing Skills (International edition)*. Mcgraw-Hill.

Joseph Gibaldi and Walters S Achtert. *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers*. New Delhi: Affiliated East West Press.

Karen L Greenberg. 1994. *Advancing Writer, Book 2*. Harper Collins.

Mary Stephens. *Practise Advanced Writing*. Longman.

**Course Code:1154, Course Title: Introduction to Poetry
its, 60 Lectures**

Marks 100, 4 Cred-

Poetry:

W. Shakespeare—Shall I Compare Thee?

John Donne—Good Morrow



W. Wordsworth—*I Wondered Lonely as a Cloud*
P. B. Shelley—*Ozymandias*
J. Keats—*To Autumn*
Elizabeth B. Browning—*How Do I Love Thee?*
Emily Dickinson—*Because I Could not Stop for Death*
W. B. Yeats—*No Second Troy*
R. Frost—*Stopping By Woods on a Snowy Evening*
D. H. Lawrence—*Snake*
Dylan Thomas—*Fern Hill*
Ted Hughes—*Pike*
Adrienne Rich—*Aunt Jennifer's Tigers*
Kaiser Huq—*Ode on a Lungi*

Literary Terms:

Simile, Metaphor, Personification, Metonymy, Symbol, Irony, Climax, Anticlimax, Hyperbole, Paradox, Onomatopoeia, Bathos, Allusions, Conceit, Pun, Imagery and all other literary terms

Prosody:

Accent, Foot/Measure, Blank Verse, Rhyme, Tercet, Scanning of Verse and others.

Course Code: 1155, Course Title: Introduction to Prose: Fiction and Non-Fiction

Marks 100, 4

Credits, 60 Lectures

Non-Fiction:

Francis Bacon—*Of Studies*
A. Lincoln—*Gettysburg Address*
R. Tagore—*Letter to Lord Chelmsford Rejecting Knighthood*
G. Orwell—*Shooting an Elephant*
N. C. Choudhury—*River & Rain (from The Autobiography of an Unknown Indian)*
Martin Luther King—*I Have a Dream*

Fiction:

S. Maugham—*The Ant and the Grasshopper*
James Joyce—*Araby*
K. Mansfield—*The Garden Party*
Anita Desai—*Games at Twilight*
Edgar Allan Poe—*The Tell-Tale Heart*

**Course Code :6203 Course Title: Introducing Sociology
Lectures**

Marks 100, 4 Credits, 60

1. **Definition, Nature & Scope of Sociology**, relationship with other social sciences.
Development of Sociology: Contributions of Auguste Comte, Herbert Spencer, Emile Durkheim, Max Weber
2. **Culture, Beliefs & Values**: Norms, sanctions, symbols, language, subculture, counterculture, hegemony & resistance
3. **Globalization, Culture and Society**: Globalization and its different dimensions, Cultural globalization, global culture and social change
4. **Urbanization and Social Formation**: Definition of urbanization and urbanism, Process of urbanization in developing societies and social formation, over urbanization, growth of slum & poverty in mega cities
5. **Gender and Society**: Discourse of WID, WAD and GAD, Why gender is important in the discourse of development, Gender inequality & women's subjugation in developing societies.
6. **Environmental Problems, Natural Disasters and Social Crisis**: Climate change and its impact on society, Natural disaster, social crisis and vulnerabilities, Climate change, deforestation and mal-development.
7. **Social Inequality**: Dimensions of social inequality: Class, gender, age, minority group (religious and indigenous), economic vulnerability, Social inequalities in developed & developing countries.
8. **Types of societies**: Marxist view on classifying societies on the basis of type of control over economic resources and Lenski's view on classifying societies by their main means of subsistence.
9. **Deviance & Social Control**: Definition of deviance, theories of deviance. Crime & justice system, agencies of social control
10. **Health, Illness and Society**: Nature & scope of the problem, Urbanizations, acute, chronic & life style diseases, Social, environmental & behavioural factors affecting health, Communicable & behavioural diseases: STD, HIV/AIDS, TB, Hep-B etc

Reference

Giddens Sociology

Course Code: 6212, Course Title: Introduction to Social Work Marks 100, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures

1. Social Work: Meaning, Characteristics, Scope and Importance Relationship of Social Work with other Sciences- Sociology, Economics, Psychology and Political Science.
2. Evolution: Evolution of Social Work in UK, USA, India and Bangladesh.
3. Social Reformers and their Movements in Pre-partition India and Bangladesh: Raja Rammohan Ray, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, A.K Fazlul Haque, Sir Syad Ahmed, Begum Rokeya.
4. Social Legislations Related to Social Security, Women Welfare, Child Welfare.
5. Profession and Social Work: Meaning and Characteristics of Profession, Social Work as profession, Philosophical, Religions and Ethical Basis of Social Work.
6. Industrial Revolution: Meaning, Impact on Society, Industrialization, Urbanization, Welfare State.
7. Social Problems and Social Services in Bangladesh.
8. Methods of Social Work: Basic and Auxiliary Methods and their Basic Issues such as Meaning, Elements, Principles and Area of Use. Importance of Social Work Methods in Bangladesh.

Books Recommended:

1. Barker, Robert L. :Social Work Dictionary, 3rd ed. NASW, New York, 1995.
2. Coulshed, Veronica Social Work Practice: An Introduction 2nd ed. London. Macmillan, 1991.
3. Friedlander, Walter A. : Introduction to Social Welfare. Prentice Hall, 2nd ed. New Delhi-1967.
4. Khalid, M. : Welfare State, Karachi, Royal Book, 1968
5. Morales, A. And Shaefor, B. Social Work – A Profession of many faces, 4th ed. Allyn and

Course Code: 6192, Course Title: Introduction to Political Theory Marks 100, 4 Credits, 60 Lectures

Political Science : Meaning, Nature, Scope, Methods, Relations to other Social Sciences, Importance to Study Political Science.

State : Definition, Elements, State and Government, State and Individual, State and Society, Theories of the origin of the state.

Fundamental concepts : Sovereignty, Law, Liberty, Equality, Rights and Duties, Nation, Nationalism, Internationalism.

Concepts of Political Sociology : Political culture, elite theory, Max Weber and Bureaucracy

Political Thinkers : Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke

Books Recommended :

1. R.G. Gettell : *Political Science*
2. J. W. Garner : *Political Science and Government*
3. R. M. MacIver : *The Modern State*
4. G.H. Sabine : *A History of Political Theory*
5. William Ebenstein : *Great Political Thinkers-Plato to the Present*
6. H.G. Laski : *A Grammar of Politics*
7. মুহাম্মদ আয়েশ উদ্দীন : *রাষ্ট্রচিন্তা পরিচিতি*
8. এমাজউদ্দিন আহমদ : *মধ্যযুগের রাষ্ট্রচিন্তা*
9. মোঃ দরবেশ আলী খান : *প্লেটো ও এরিস্টটলের রাজনৈতিক চিন্তা*
10. সরদার ফজলুল করিম : *প্লেটোর রিপাবলিক*