

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**  
**FAZL ALI COLLEGE**  
**MOKOKCHUNG: NAGALAND**

### **1.1 Programme Learning Outcomes (BA Hons. English)**

The programme learning outcomes relating to BA (Hons) degree programme in English:

- demonstrate a set of basic skills in literary communication and explication of literary practices and process with clarity
- demonstrate a coherent and systematic knowledge of the field of English literature and Bhasha literatures in English showing an understanding of current theoretical and literary developments in relation to the specific field of English studies.
- display an ability to read and understand various literary genres and stylistic variations and write critically
- cultivate ability to look at and evaluate literary texts as a field of study and as part of the wider network of local and global culture
- demonstrate a critical aptitude and reflexive thinking to systematically analyze the existing scholarship and expand critical questions and the knowledge base in the field of English studies using digital resources.
- display knowledge to cultivate a better understanding of values – both literary values that aid us in literary judgment and also values of life at all stages; apply appropriate methodologies for the development of the creative and analytical faculties of students, their overall development of writing, including imaginative writing.
- recognize employability options in English studies programme as part of skill development and as career avenues open to graduates in today's global world such as professional writing, translation, teaching English at different levels, mass media, journalism, aviation communication and personality development
- channelize the interests of the students and analytical reasoning in a better way and make more meaningful choices regarding career after completion of graduate programme
- to enable students to develop an awareness of the linguistic-cultural richness of India

an important outcome of English literary studies in India

### BA English (Honours) Courses

#### **A. Core Courses**

##### *PAPER 1: INDIAN CLASSICAL LITERATURE*

##### **Course Level Learning Outcomes:**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- explain the eco-socio-political-cultural context of the age that produced Indian classical literature from its early beginning till 1100 AD
- appreciate the pluralistic and inclusive nature of Indian classical literature and its attributes
- historically situate the classical literature and diverse literary cultures from India, mainly from Sanskrit, but also Tamil, Prakrit and Pali by focusing on major texts in the principal genres
- trace the evolution of literary culture(s) in India in its/their contexts, issues of genres, themes and critical cultures
- understand, analyze and appreciate various texts with comparative perspectives

##### *PAPER 2: EUROPEAN CLASSICAL LITERATURE*

##### **Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- historically situate classical European, i.e., Greek and Latin literary cultures and their socio-political-cultural contexts
- engage with classical literary traditions of Europe from the beginning till the 5<sup>th</sup>

century AD

- grasp the evolution of the concept of classic and classical in the European literary thinking and its reception over a period of time
- appreciate classical literature of Europe and pursue their interests in it
- examine different ways of reading and using literary texts across a wide range of classical authors, genres and periods with comparative perspectives
- develop ability to pursue research in the field of classics
- develop academic and practical skills in terms of communication and presentation and also learn about human and literary values of classical period

### ***PAPER 3: INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH***

#### **Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- appreciate the historical trajectory of various genres of IWE from colonial times till the present
- critically engage with Indian literary texts written in English in terms of colonialism/postcolonialism, regionalism, and nationalism
- critically appreciate the creative use of the English language in IWE
- approach IWE from multiple positions based on historical and social locations

### ***PAPER 4: BRITISH POETRY AND DRAMA: 14TH TO 17TH CENTURIES***

#### **Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- understand the tradition of English literature from 14th to 17th centuries.
- develop a clear understanding of Renaissance Humanism that provides the basis for the texts suggested

- engage with the major genres and forms of English literature and develop fundamental skills required for close reading and critical thinking of the texts and concepts
- appreciate and analyze the poems and plays in the larger socio-political and religious contexts of the time.

## *PAPER 5: AMERICAN LITERATURE*

### **Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- understand the depth and diversity of American literature, keeping in mind the history and culture of the United States of America from the colonial period to the present (17<sup>th</sup> century to 21<sup>st</sup> century)
- understand the historical, religious and philosophical contexts of the American spirit in literature; social-cultural-ecological-political contexts may, for example, include the idea of democracy, Millennial Narratives, the Myth of Success, the American Adam, the Myth of the Old South, the Wild West, Melting pot, Multiculturalism, etc.
- appreciate the complexity of the origin and reception of American literature, given its European and non-European historical trajectories, particularly in relation to writers of European ( Anglo-Saxon, French, Dutch and Hispanic) descent, as well as writers from black and non-European ( African, American Indian, Hispanic-American and Asian) writing traditions
- critically engage with the complex nature of American society, given its journey from specific religious obligations and their literary transformations (such as Puritanism, Unitarianism, Transcendentalism, etc.) to the growth of anti- or non-Christian sensibilities
- critically appreciate the diversity of American literature in the light of regional variations in climate, cultural traits, economic priorities
- explore and understand the nature of the relationships of human beings to other human beings and other life forms in relation to representative literary texts in various genres

- relate the African American experience in America (both ante-bellum and post-bellum) to issues of exclusion in societies relevant to their learning experience
- analyze the American mind from global and Indian perspectives and situate the American in the contemporary world

#### *PAPER 6: POPULAR LITERATURE*

### **Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- trace the early history of print culture in England and the emergence of genre fiction and best sellers
- engage with debates on high and low culture, canonical and non-canonical literature
- articulate the characteristics of various genres of non-literaryfiction
- investigate the role of popular fiction in the literary polysystem of various linguistic cultures
- demonstrate how popular literature belongs to its time
- Use various methods of literary analysis to interpret popular literature

#### *PAPER 7: BRITISH POETRY AND DRAMA: 17TH AND 18TH CENTURIES*

### **Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- identify the major characteristics of the Comedy of Manners and Mock-Heroic poetry
- demonstrate in-depth knowledge and understanding of the religious, socio-intellectual and cultural thoughts of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries
- examine critically keys themes in representative texts of the period, including Sin, Transgression, Love, Pride, revenge, sexuality, human follies, among others
- show their appreciation of texts in terms of plot-construction, socio-cultural contexts

and genre of poetry and drama

- analyze literary devices forms and techniques in order to appreciate and interpret the texts

## **PAPER 8: BRITISH LITERATURE 18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY**

### *Course Level Learning Outcomes*

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- explain and analyze the rise of the critical mind
- trace the development of Restoration Comedy and anti-sentimental drama
- examine and analyze the form and function of satire in the eighteenth century
- appreciate and analyze the formal variations of Classicism
- map the relationship between the formal and the political in the literature of the neo-classical period

### *PAPER 9: BRITISH ROMANTIC LITERATURE*

### **Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- understand Romanticism as a concept in relation to ancillary concepts like Classicism
- understand the Romantic period in English literature in terms of its social, philosophical, intellectual, literary backgrounds including German and French influences
- analyze and understand the main characteristics of Romanticism
- appreciate the canonical and representative poems and prose of the writers of the Romantic period.
- develop skills of critical analysis and interpretation of selected poems in order to understand the theme, language, style, and elements of prosody.

- appreciate and analyze the sensibility of the British Romantic period: common man, equality, freedom, sense of community and fraternity
- relate Romantic literary texts to other forms of expression such as painting, for instance.

*PAPER 10: BRITISH LITERATURE: 19TH CENTURY*

**Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- identify and analyze the socio-economic-political contexts that inform the literature of the period
- comment on the historical and political awareness of literary texts as reflected in the transition from nature to culture across various genres
- understand the conflict between self and society in different literary genres of the period
- link the rise of the novel to the expansion of Colonialism and Capitalism
- understand the transition from Romantic to Victorian in literature and culture
- link the Victorian temper to political contexts in English colonies
- link the changes in the English countryside to changes brought about in similar settings in India

*PAPER 11: WOMEN'S WRITING*

**Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- recognise the importance of gender specificity in literature
- understand and appreciate the representation of female experience in literature
- explain the difference between the feminine and the feminist as opposed to the female

- examine and appreciate the role played by socio-cultural-economic contexts in defining woman
- link the status of woman to social discrimination and social change
- draw a location specific trajectory of female bonding or empowerment
- to understand the complexity of social and biological constructions of manhood and womanhood
- to examine the relationship of women to work and production

*PAPER 12: BRITISH LITERATURE: THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY*

**Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- trace the history of modernism in the socio-cultural and intellectual contexts of late nineteenth century and early twentieth century Europe
- link and distinguish between modernity and modernism
- explain the links between developments in science and experiments in literature
- explain the history of early twentieth-century modernism in the light of stream of consciousness, Jungian and Freudian ideas, Psychoanalysis, Imagism, Cubism, Vorticism
- identify and analyze the use and modernist technique in different genres in early twentieth century British literature
- trace the history of the self and subjectivity in literature in the light of colonial consciousness
- explain and analyze the idea of form in modernist literary texts from across major genres

*PAPER 13: MODERN EUROPEAN DRAMA*

**Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate

run thus:

- understand the role of theatre and drama in the introduction and shaping of modernity
- understand and engage with concepts like realism, naturalism, symbolism, expressionism, the Avant Garde, the epic theatre, the theatre of the absurd, etc.
- understand how meaning is created in theatre and be able to write about innovations introduced into theatrical practice in the late nineteenth and the twentieth century

*PAPER 14: POSTCOLONIAL LITERATURES*

**Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- understand the social-historical-political-economic contexts of colonialism and postcolonialism in India and other countries affected by colonial rule
- understand the scope of postcolonial literatures in India and elsewhere, primarily as a response to the long shadow of colonialism, not just of colonial occupation
- see through a corpus of representative postcolonial texts from different colonial locations: the effects of colonial rule on the language, culture, economy and habitat of specific groups of people affected by it
- appreciate and analyze the growing spectres of inequality arising out of colonial occupation and the role played by postcolonial literatures to resist it in India and similar locations
- critically engage with issues of racism and imperialism during and after colonial occupation
- appreciate the changing role and status of English in postcolonial literatures
- link colonialism to modernity

**B. Discipline Centric Electives (Any Four)**

*PAPER 1: MODERN INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH TRANSLATION*

**Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- appreciate the diversity of modern Indian literatures and the similarities between them
- understand and creatively engage with the notion of nation and nationalism
- appreciate the impact of literary movements on various Indian literatures
- critically engage with significant social issues like caste and gender
- understand the historical trajectories of Indian literatures

*PAPER 2: LITERATURE OF THE INDIAN DIASPORA*

**Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- understand the concept of ‘diaspora’ in its historical and cultural contexts
- identify different aspects of Indian diasporic consciousness and the literary features of diasporic texts
- develop a clear understanding of the formation of Indian diasporic movements within India and outside
- develop a critical understanding of the writings of the Indian diaspora within the discourse of postcoloniality, postmodernity, hybridity, globalization and transnationalism.
- develop the analytical ability to read diasporic texts and analyze key diasporic issues such as displacement, nostalgia, alienation, belonging, identity, gender, racism and assimilation
- understand the main currents of Indian diasporic narratives
- examine how texts function as diasporic markers, broadening the understanding of Indian diasporic lives, cultural practices, experiences, religion and the new medium.

*PAPER 3: BRITISH LITERATURE: POSTWAR II*

**Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- understand the social-historical-political-economic contexts of Post-World War II British Literature
- understand the relationship between World war II and the end of colonialism
- identify the social-historical-political changes in England after World War II
- see through a corpus of representative texts the rise of multiculturalism in England in the wake of migrations of people from colonial territories
- grasp the changing role of English in the new world order
- critically analyze and link changes in social norms to new literary forms
- engage with the idea of the postmodern and the rise of the postmodernist aesthetics
- appreciate the importance of location in understanding the self and the other

*PAPER 4: NINETEENTH CENTURY EUROPEAN REALISM*

**Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- demonstrate an awareness of the emergence of Realism and literary movements in Europe in the Nineteenth Century by engaging with key texts of European Realism.
- gain a deeper understanding of the social, economic and political conditions which gave rise to this movement.
- recognize the diversity within this broad literary movement while discerning the underlying affinities and patterns.
- examine modern reassessments of European Realism
- show an awareness of rich and complex legacy of Nineteenth Century European Realism, identify the challenges it faced and explore the causes of its decline in the Twentieth Century.

*PAPER 5: LITERARY CRITICISM*

**Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run

thus:

- understand the historical and philosophical contexts that led to the development of literary criticism and its practice in different traditions and periods
- learners will be able to understand fundamental literary and critical concepts and underlying distinctions amongst them (e.g., difference between literary criticism and literary theory)
- learners will be able to grasp a wide range of literary philosophers and critics whose works had informed and shaped the discourse of literary theory
- learners will have knowledge about major, critical movements and critics in various critical traditions – Indian (schools of *Rasa*, *Alamkar*, *Riti*, *Dhwani*, *Vakroti*, *Auchitya*) and Western (Greek, Roman, English, German, Russian and French)
- learners will be able to identify theoretical and critical concepts with critics/texts/movements with which they are associated and understand them in their contexts
- learners will be able to apply various theoretical frameworks and concepts to literary and cultural texts
- learners will be able to evaluate and analyze strengths and limitations of critical/theoretical frameworks and arguments
- learners will be able to strengthen and deepen their interpretative skills

*PAPER 6: LITERARY THEORY*

**Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- have a historical overview of major literary theorists, particularly of the 20<sup>th</sup> century
- show an understanding of historical and philosophical contexts that led to the development of literary theory and its practices
- develop awareness of various literary theories and the way they enrich and change our thinking about language, literature and society
- historically situate literary theorists whose works had informed and shaped various literary theoretical discourses
- identify theoretical concepts with theorists and movements with which they are

associated and in the process understand their contexts

- apply various theoretical frameworks and concepts to literary and cultural texts
- evaluate and analyze strengths and limitations of theoretical frameworks and arguments
- sharpen interpretative skills in the light of various theoretical frameworks

*PAPER 7: SCIENCE FICTION AND DETECTIVE LITERATURE*

**Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- write critically about the two genres: Science Fiction, and Detective Literature
- engage with the philosophical and psychological and social issues that are an intrinsic part to the two genres
- think through the concept of progress, and the role of technology in our life and the interaction between technology and human behaviour
- engage with the social and historical construction of crime
- analyze individual or multiple texts in the two genres in terms of key concepts including genre, implied audience, plot construction, linguistic texture, authorial identity, publication context, and sociocultural context

*PAPER 8: LITERATURE AND THE CINEMA*

**Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- demonstrate a systematic and historically-grounded knowledge of literature and cinema as expressive arts
- identify and illustrate the distinction between literary and cinematic arts of storytelling
- identify and describe the difference between cinematic and literary images
- examine different theories of adaptation and link them to contexts of expression and

reception

- organize different sets of activities to identify and make use of skills that distinguish the medium of cinema from that of literature
- present a coherent view of the relationship between written and cinematic texts
- communicate the role of location in adaptation

*PAPER 9: WORLD LITERATURES*

**Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- explain the concept of World Literature and its evolution in relation to other related concepts e.g. national literature, general literature, comparative literature and *Vishwa Sahitya*.
- appreciate the connectedness and diversity of human experiences and literary responses to them in different parts of the world.
- analyze and appreciate literary texts from different parts of the world and receive them in the light of one's own literary traditions.
- analyze and interpret literary texts in their contexts and locate them.

*PAPER 10: PARTITION LITERATURE*

**Course Learning Outcomes**

Some of the learning outcomes that learners of this course are required to demonstrate are mentioned below:

- explain historical and socio-cultural factors responsible for the Partition of Indian Sub-continent.
- demonstrate critical understanding of manifestations of the experience of the partition in various art forms.
- link and analyze the eco-socio-historical-cultural contexts and dimensions related to the Partition of India e.g. nation, nationalism, communication, violence, exile, homelessness, refugee, rehabilitation, resettlement, border and border lands

(colonialism and post colonialism), literary responses to the partition in different parts of Indian continent and interpret them.

- interpret texts and experience and relate it to their contexts and experiences

*PAPER 11: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY*

**Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- Develop a simple questionnaire to elicit specific information.
- Collect data based on a survey and arrive at inferences using a small sample
- Discuss and draft a plan for carrying out a piece of work systematically
- Refer to authentic sources of information and document the same properly.
- Provide proper explanation for technical terms in simple language.

*PAPER 12: TRAVEL WRITING*

**Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- map the social-historical-political-economic contexts of Travel Writing from regional, national and global perspectives
- explain the origin and reception of Travel Writing in chosen locations
- appreciate and analyze the relationship of Travel Writing to colonialism
- see the link between Travel Writing and history writing: Travel Writing as an alternative history or supplement to historical writing
- see the link between travel writing and translation
- analyze travel writing in relation to colonial and postcolonial positions
- appreciate the role of travel in shaping selfhood and otherness and relate the growth of Travel Writing to regional national and global identities
- critically engage with the accounts of places visited by foreigners and how their impressions change local perspectives of the places

### *PAPER 13: AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND LIFE WRITING*

#### **Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- demonstrate a familiarity with kinds of writing which seek to represent and make sense of the experiences of the individual.
- understand the relationship between self and history, truth, claims and fiction in private and public spheres.
- explain the working of memory, politics of memory and its role in constructing identity.
- explain and analyze how life writing provides alternatives to existing ways of writing history.
- examine the status of life writing as a literary form and the history of its reception
- appreciate the emergence of life writing non-western context.

#### **C. Generic Elective (any four)**

### *PAPER 1: ACADEMIC WRITING AND COMPOSITION*

#### **Course Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- convey their ideas in English using simple and acceptable English in writing
- understand to recognize and draft different types of writing – e.g. classroom notes, summaries, reports, exploratory and descriptive paragraphs, substantiating etc
- describe a diagram or elaborate information contained in a graph, chart, table etc
- write a review of a book or a movie
- write a report on an academic or cultural event that takes place in a college or university for a journal or a newspaper

### *PAPER 2: MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS*

### **Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- develop the professional ability to communicate information clearly and effectively in all kinds of environment and contexts.
- demonstrate practical skills of various types of media writing, reviews, reports, programmes and discussions.
- demonstrate their familiarity with the new media, its techniques, practices of social media and hypermedia.
- critically analyze the ways in which the media reflects, represents and influences the contemporary world.
- identify avenues for a career in print and electronic media.

#### *PAPER 3: TEXT AND PERFORMANCE*

### **Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- distinguish between a dramatic text and a performance text
- appreciate the evolution of drama in the West and in India in terms of both, form and content, from tradition to modernity, as well as have a thorough knowledge of different theatre styles in India and the West
- to appreciate the difference between drama and other genres
- develop a comprehensive understanding of the process of performance and the entire paraphernalia involved from theatrical space and lights/sound/costume to the use of voice and body
- learn a wide variety of skills from acting and directing to script writing, costume designing, prop making and technical skills like sound and light as well as production.
- display their knowledge of different aspects of text and performance through their production and not just through theoretical knowledge.

#### *PAPER 4: LANGUAGE AND LINGUISTICS*

##### **Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- recognize/understand the structure and various parts of the language
- understand the existence of language in the form of different dialects based on a set of established factors
- identify the various functions a language performs and the roles assigned to it
- understand that all languages behave alike and develop a tolerance for other languages
- understand that making errors is a process of learning and not hesitate to use language for the fear of making errors

#### *PAPER 7: LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND CULTURE*

##### **Course Level Learning Outcomes**

Some of the course learning outcomes that students of this course are required to demonstrate run thus:

- see literature as a fine form of expression.
- use literature for analysis to understand the use of language
- see language as a major source of transmitting culture
- show the understanding of literature in the form of extrapolation (see the relevance of a story, poem, play etc in their own lives)
- show how cultures and languages are interrelated especially through their presentation of differences .