

# DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

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## THE MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

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### VISION AND MISSION

The Master of Arts or MA degree in English is a two-year postgraduate program in English offered by Mount Carmel College, Bangalore. The program is offered to students who have successfully completed their Bachelor's degree.

***The purpose of the program is to offer training at an advanced level for postgraduate students of English, who will***

- develop an understanding of literary forms, movements and trends in contemporary theory, and their interdisciplinary extensions
- understand the relationship between writing, culture and society
- understand the historical, theoretical and cultural contexts in which texts are produced
- be equipped to engage with these contexts in their chosen professional fields
- analyse and appreciate works of literature and the roles of the reader, academia and the industry in creating the literary marketplace
- develop the skills to produce independent and original research
- gain technical writing, documentation and other skills to pursue academic careers or careers in allied professions.

An important objective of the program is to prepare students for careers in academia and teaching, research, and literary scholarship. The MA in English is also designed to provide higher education in literary studies to those intending to branch out into diverse areas such as translation studies, corporate communications, writing for media, journalism and advertising, and content development for different domains.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

The program will be for a duration of two years (four semesters). Admission will be made on the basis of merit in accordance with the provisions of Admission Policy of the college.

Courses will be taught by the faculty of the Department of English along with the guest faculty who fulfil the norms of the UGC Regulations. Professionals and experts will be invited whenever required.

### COURSE OFFERINGS (CORE AND ELECTIVE)

Courses include an array of canonical writing, studies in gender and sexuality, modernism and postmodernism, genre studies, translation studies, visual culture and performance studies, literary theory, postcolonial and diaspora studies, writing on ecology and the environment, and on dissent and conflict. Together, the courses reflect the multicultural nature and expanding boundaries of English studies today. A student will take Core, Allied, or Elective courses in each semester.

<b>Semester 1 – Core and Allied</b>
Renaissance Drama
Metaphysical to Pre-Romantic Literature
Romantic and Victorian Poetry
Nation, Nationalism and Indian Writing – 19 <sup>th</sup> Century to Independence
Technical and Research Writing
Studies in Gender and Sexuality
<b>Semester 2 – Core and Allied</b>
Modern American and British Poetry
The Novel and Modernity
Tragedy in Drama – Antiquity to the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century
Indian Writing from the Margins
Visual Culture and Performance Studies
Postcolonial and Diaspora Studies
<b>Semester 3 – Electives</b>
Popular Literature and Culture Studies
Translation Theory and Regional Indian Writing
Films and Psychoanalysis
African-American Women’s Voices in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century
Linguistics and Principles of Teaching
Mysticism and the Asian Literary Tradition
Developments in Modern Critical Thought
<b>Semester 4 – Electives and Thesis</b>
The Postmodern Novel
Literature, Dissent and Conflict
Contemporary Indian Writing in English
Reading Epics and Myths
Writing, Ecology, and the Environment
Non-Fiction Writing
Master’s Thesis

*After the second semester there is a compulsory internship in any of the following areas- media, schools, colleges, research centres, publishing houses, advertising, or any relevant industry.*

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applications are available in an online format from the college website

<http://www.mountcarmelcollegeblr.co.in/>

Candidates must complete all the required steps of the application process.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

The entrance test for the academic year 2016-2017 will be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017 at 10:30 am.

Interested candidates have to select one date. The test will be followed by an interview on the same date.

*The test will seek to gauge the candidate's writing, analytical and critical skills.*

*Applicants' undergraduate academic performance, their performance in the aptitude test and in the interview will have weightage in determining their composite merit.*

*Please register for the test by filling out an online application from the college website.*

*The entrance examination will be from 10:30 am to noon on both days.*

Successful candidates will be given admission provisional to their UG results. They must complete admissions formalities as per college guidelines, and furnish marks cards and other supporting documents as required.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The applicant must hold a recognized Bachelor's degree in any discipline under the 10+2+3 pattern of education, with at least 50 per cent marks.

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CONTACT THE COLLEGE OFFICE  
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