

## **KUMAUN UNIVERSITY**

### **DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**

The beginnings of the Department of English at S.S.J. Campus, Almora and D.S.B. Campus, Nainital can be traced back to 1949 and 1951 respectively, when they came into being as Degree Colleges affiliated to Agra University. With the establishment of Kumaun University in 1973, they became Constituent Colleges and were elevated to the status of University Campuses in 1994. The Department offers English Language courses to UG students from across the faculties and specialised courses in English literature to UG and PG students along with research programmes in English Studies. The UG and PG courses have been recently revised in accordance with the guidelines of the UGC model syllabus and the focus has been to place English Studies in the Indian context. In this regard, an elective paper on Indian Literatures in translation has been introduced in M.A. final. At the same time, canonical texts of Indian writers like Kalidas, Gandhi and others have also been included in different papers at the PG level. Translated world classics have also been made part of the PG syllabus. The focus of recent research is also on Indian English Literature and Post Colonial Literatures.

There are about 700 students enrolled in UG and PG courses in S.S.J. Campus, Almora and about 500 students at D.S.B. Campus, Nainital. The libraries of both the campuses are well stocked to cater to the needs of the UG and PG students as well as the research scholars to a certain extent. There is also a central library situated in the University Administrative Block, Nainital which also has a sizeable collection of books on the subject. The Department also has audio-visual equipment as well as computer systems.

In addition to lectures, seminars/discussions are also organized for students periodically. As the University Head of the Department, Professor S.A. Hamid, is posted at S.S.J. Campus, Almora, research activities like Ph.D pre-submission seminars, Ph.D viva-voce etc. are held there. The Department at Almora plans to introduce certificate and diploma courses in Translation and the Department at Nainital is planning to introduce courses in ELT. The Department caters to the requirement of English teachers at both the school and college level in the entire Kumaun region as well as elsewhere.

The teachers of the Department are actively engaged in research and publish research papers/books, as well as participate in seminars, conferences and workshops regularly.

Syllabus

B.A. FIRST YEAR -English Language (Foundation Course)

Paper I- Comprehension, Correspondence and Grammar.

Paper II- Essay, Precis, Translation and short answer questions from prescribed text.

B.A. FIRST YEAR - English Literature

Paper I- Prose

Paper II- Drama

B.A. SECOND YEAR -English Literature

Paper I- Poetry

Paper II- Fiction

B.A. THIRD YEAR -English Literature

Paper I- Drama

Paper II- 20<sup>th</sup> Century British and American Poetry

M. A. Previous -English

Paper I: Non- Fictional Prose

Paper II: English Poetry till 1798

Paper III: Drama

Paper IV: Fiction

M. A. Final -English

Paper I: English Poetry (19<sup>th</sup> Century)

Paper II: Literary Criticism and Theory

Paper III: 20<sup>th</sup> Century English Literature

Paper IV: Indian Literature in English

Paper V: One of the following:

(A) American Literature  
Translation

(B) Linguistics

(C) Indian Literature in

Paper VI: Viva – Voce

### DETAILS OF FACULTY MEMBERS

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Prof. Syed Ali Hamid	08	05
Prof. Roop Kamal Rastogi	06	----
Prof. Harihar Prasad Shukla	07	01
Prof. Lalit Mohan Joshi	21	02
Prof. Madhu Joshi	21	----
Prof. Nirmala Pant	09	01
Dr. Arvind Singh Adhikari	07	----
Dr. Venkat Raman Pandeya	05	----
Dr.Haripriya Pathak	07	-----

#### **Research Guidance:**

At present, there are more than 30 students registered for Ph.D. in the Department. The University has introduced entrance test for admission to Ph.D. from this year i.e. 2010 and vacant seats shall be allotted to candidates who qualify the test.