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VICE CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

The department of English is playing an important role in personal and professional development of students and faculty at UOJ along with teaching of literature and linguistics. Congratulations to the department on launching its very first newsletter. It's a nice tradition they are setting up to share the departmental insights with associated academic fraternity. Department of English at University of Jhang is the largest department in terms of number of students and the faculty engaged.



It is a service department that is connected with all other departments through a wide range of courses that they offer in language and communication. I commend the tireless efforts they are making to serve the student community of Jhang and the surroundings.

Dr. Shahid Munir

07-07-21

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT'S MESSAGE

To begin with a personal note, for me it is an honor kindled with a great sense of responsibility, taking up the charge of the department in its formative years. There are new bright minds joining in as we grow, departmental culture shaping up, and the spirit of collegiality nourishing. Co-existence, we consider a core value here at the English department; we believe in training students to tolerate differences. Localization of knowledge is our priority, hence there is an increased emphasis on designing courses to harmonize international with regional.

Teaching of English literature is not limited to reading and appreciation of imaginative worlds, but in fact it helps us develop a sense of criticality towards the world at large. We want our BS English program to mature into a wholesome learning experience for students that would enable them to be social scientists capable of coming up with indigenous solutions.

The last one year has been very challenging for us all. I am very hopeful that we come out of Corona and work at our full potential. A good news is, from Fall 2021, we are going to have our own 'Writing Center' at UOJ under the patronage of English department—a project that worthy vice chancellor has given his approval to.

At the end, let me bid farewell to the colleagues joining LCWU. Thank you for their services and best wishes for their future endeavors.

Abdullah

7-7-21



Introduction of the English Department

The English Department at University of Jhang is providing the means to students for achieving lingual proficiency, developing a critical understanding toward literary traditions of the English language in the world and as a foundational subject for other departments of University.

English language and literature open up a world of inspiration and creativity and aids to develop skills that are essential for today's global environment. It is a chance to discover how literature makes sense of the world through stories, poems, novels and plays. It is also a chance to sharpen one's abilities to write, read, analyze and persuade. The English Department of University of Jhang promises academic excellence, innovative career development skills, and character-building opportunities. The department also offers a remarkable pedagogical environment which aids to polish competence and to frame exceptional analytical skills. It solely aims to equip the students with a dense knowledge of language and literature according to the world-renowned techniques. All the faculty members are diligent and ensure to support, guide, train, and to shape the minds of pupils according to the individual needs.

Programs

The English Department is offering two programs in the current academic year.

1. BS English Literature (Only Girls)
2. BS English Literature (Co-Education)

Faculty Introduction

Dr. Muhammad Abdullah

Dr. Abdullah holds a PhD in English Linguistics. His research interests include multidisciplinary gender studies and analysis of social and literary discourses. He is HOD English at UOJ.

Dr. Ayesha Ashraf

Assistant Professor



I did PhD in the discipline of English Literature from National university of Modern Languages Islamabad. I have taught for almost seven years at M.A and M.Phil level in different universities including NUML Karachi, University of Lahore, Lahore, and Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water and Marine Sciences Uthal, Balochistan. I have published 13 research papers in impact factor and HEC recognized journals. I have presented my research papers in 16 national and international conferences. I have also attended various research trainings, workshops, and seminars related to English language teaching, and educational leadership.

Recent Publications

- “Language and Power Discourse in Zulfiqar Ghose’s Poetry through Lyotard’s Deconstruction of Metanarratives”. Published in IJEL. Vol 10 (4), 2020. (HEC Y category).
- “A Critique of Sea of Poppies in the light of Hoffman’s Code-switching”. Agathos: An International Review of the Humanities and Social Sciences. Nov 2020 issue. (HEC Y category).
- “Cultural Diversity through Localised English Language with reference to Indo-Pak English Novels”. Literary Voice, December 2020 issue. (HEC Y category)
- “Deconstruction of Binaries and Role Reversal in Kalanithi’s When Breath Becomes Air”. The Journal of Social Sciences Research, August issue 2020.
- “The Subaltern Cannot Speak: A Social, Political and Cultural Critique of Javeri’s Nobody Killed Her”. Pakistan Social Sciences Review. March 2020. (HEC Y category)

Conferences

Presented paper in “Three days Virtual Conference on Environmental Humanities, Western Ghats and Himalayan Studies” organized by Lavender Literary Club India in Jan 2021 South Asian English Fiction, English Language Teaching, Educational Leadership and Management.

Ms. Shafqat Naseem

Lecturer



I am Shafqat Naseem working as a Lecturer in English w.e.f 01.10.2005. My professional work experience is almost 15 years till date. I attended Faculty Development program in 2006 and then in 2018 for my professional development. I have been supervising the research students of BS English since 2009. In the field of research, I am interested in Psychoanalysis, Postmodernism, Teaching of English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), Evaluation of English Language Curriculum (Primary, Secondary, Higher Education), Corpus Linguistics, Discourse Studies, World Englishes especially Pakistani English.

Ms. Tayyiba Maryam

Lecturer



Ms. Tayyiba Maryam has completed her Masters in English Literature from Lahore College for Women University, Jhang Campus. She has conducted research in English Literature and has International publications. Her teaching career began in 2008 as a Lecturer in English at Lahore College for Women University, Jhang Campus. Being a student of Literature her specialization is in English Literature due to the years of work in this field, she acquired a great understanding and skill. She has also supervised Theses of BS Hons. She is currently serving at College of Arts & Science, University of Jhang(UOJ) as a Lecturer.

Ms. Fakhra Jamil

Assistant Professor



Being faculty of English, I aspire to pursue and inculcate creative and critical comprehension of literature in particular and society in general. I am determined to explore exhaustive and assimilated understanding of literature and language among students. Academic brilliance, research excellence, professionalism, entrepreneurship and character building are main objectives. Around 50 students are being supervised in diverse research areas like feminism, Postmodernism, South Asian Studies, Subaltern Studies, Spatial

Studies, Afro-American Studies etc. Current main research interests are Post-humanists and Cyborg Studies, Postcolonial Disaster Studies and Environmental Humanities etc.

Ms. Ghania Khan

Lecturer



Ghania Khan MA in English Literature (Gold Medalist, LCWUJ), M. Phil in English Literature (Topper of the batch GC Faisalabad) became the member of the faculty in 2019. She has Diploma in Teaching English as a foreign Language. She also holds professional degrees of B.Ed. and M.Ed. She is also a member of scrutiny committee and also a part of arts and cultural society at the university of Jhang. She also holds the duty of internal in charge of visiting faculty. She is also the leading member of English department's newsletter. She is supervising research students as well. Her academic interests include Victorian Fiction, Classical and Romantic Poetry, Literary Theory, Modern and Post-Modern Drama.

Recent Research Contributions

- Published a research article Titled "Post colonialism as Instrument of Partition" in International Journal of English: Literature, Language & Skills.
- Published an article titled "Constitutional Safeguard and plight of Women in Pakistan" in Pakistan Journal of Multidisciplinary research, University of Jhang.

Ms. Saima Yasin

Lecturer



Saima Yasin holds an M.S in English from International Islamic University, Islamabad. As an MS Scholar she has been a part of the PAK-US exchange program where she studied contemporary research methods at University of North Texas, USA. She has previously worked in National University of Modern Languages as a lecturer. She has been the focal person of District Multan for ORIC in a case study on Edhi Foundation in 2017. She has few research publications and is an aspiring writer. Her expertise lies in Surveillance Studies, Postmodern Literature and Postcolonial Literature with special focus on bridging the gap between societal understandings of literature.

She currently holds the duty of internal in charge of examination for the department of English along with her duties as lecturer. She is also a part of arts and cultural society at university of Jhang and has always been active in dramatics as a student and as a mentor, Ms. Yasin firmly believes in cultivation of soft skills and critical sensibilities in students through literature. She is a staunch believer of humanism and keeps humanity above all.

Recent Research Publications

- Semiological Discourse Analysis of Editorial Cartoons in National Newspapers on COVID 19. PalArch's Journal of Archaeology of Egypt/ Egyptology, 17(12), 78-89.
- Third Space of Enunciation: A Study of Multi-Locationality In Mohsin Hamid's Exit West. Vol. 17, No. 12 (2020): PALARCH'S JOURNAL OF ARCHEOLOGY OF EGYPT

Ms. Nida Zahra

Lecturer



Nida Zahra completed M.Phil English from Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan. She holds distinction in Masters and a two-year diploma certificate of language course from American Consulate, Lahore. She attended International student training at Karachi awarded in collaboration with IEARN (International Education and Resource Network) and Access English Micro-scholarship Programme. She has voluntarily worked with multiple NGOs on social development projects. Furthermore, she served as a prominent public school teacher and was awarded to be The Best Teacher of the district, Multan. She has also worked at Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan.

Moreover, education has served as the spine in her career development, nourishment and growth. Her motive is to motivate, inspire, fabricate and illuminate numerous lives with the unparalleled power of pen and knowledge. Her expertise lies in Discourse Studies (Critical Discourse Analysis, Ideology and Discourse, Political Discourse Analysis, Linguistic Imperialism, Classroom Discourse), Post-Colonial Literature, and Creative Writing. She is actively available to aid and to guide.

Recent Research Contribution

- Kanwal, N., Ambreen Shahnaz, & Zahra, N. (2020). Discerning the Functions of Urdu- English Code Switching in Talk Shows. Pakistan Journal of Multidisciplinary Research, 1(2), 225-244. Retrieved from <http://pjmr.org/pjmr/article/view/44>

Ms. Ruqaiya Manzoor

Lecturer



I am Ruqaiya Manzoor working as a Lecturer in English w.e.f 01.10.2005. My professional work experience is almost 15 years till date. I have attended Faculty Development programs for my professional development. I have been supervising the research students of BS English since 2009. In the field of research; I am interested in Psychoanalysis, Postmodernism, Discourse Analysis, and Critical Discourse Analysis.

Ms. Zunaira Sumbal

Lecturer



I have been Working as a Lecturer in English since 2008. A passionate reader, who is always eager to impart my knowledge to the students. I am a promoter of critical thinking and encourage my students to be engaged in creative writing. African Studies, Post-Colonial studies and women studies are areas of my interest.

Ms. Maria Saleem

Lecturer



I have been a lecturer at Lahore college for women university, Jhang campus since 2009. Currently I'm doing my M.Phil from Punjab University in English Literature. Currently I am working on Afro-American Children Literature in my thesis for M.Phil.

Ms. Sobia Nageen

Lecturer



I am very passionate and looking for opportunities to move forward in life. Teaching is my passion and I want to see my students shine bright by inculcating creative thoughts in them to achieve their goals. My interests include reading books and to explore different places through travelling.

Ms. Sehrish Zahra

Teaching Assistant



I am currently serving as Teaching Assistant at College of Arts and Sciences. I have capabilities to cope up with the professional responsibilities and can work in a challenging environment in collaboration with my fellow colleagues.

Ms. Iqra Yosuf

Visiting Lecturer



Ms. Iqra Yosuf is working as Visiting lecturer of English department at University of Jhang. Earlier, she has been associated with LCWU, Lahore and Jhang Campus. She has supervised thesis students as well. She has attended the Meet conference at CVAS. Her research interests include Narcissism and Postcolonialism.

Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Sultan

Visiting Lecturer



Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Sultan is working as Lecturer in English department at University of Jhang. Earlier, he has been associated with Government College University Faisalabad and Superior Group of Colleges. His research interests include Gender studies and Subaltern studies. Mr. Sultan is co-supervisor at University of Jhang. He is a member of event organizing committee of UOJ.

Mr. Ghulam Yaseen

Visiting Lecturer



Mr. Ghulam Yaseen is working as a visiting Lecturer in English at the Department of English Language and Literature, University of Jhang. He has formally been associated with Govt. Graduate College Garh Mahraja, Govt. College Shorkot and United College affiliated with GCUF. He is also associated with Allama Iqbal Open University as RP-5404-9407 codes and tutor of Associate Degree Programs, code-(1423). His research interest includes Gender Studies. Literature and literary slices is his favorite discipline.

Ms. Ain Fatima

Visiting Lecturer



Ms. Ain Fatima is working as visiting lecturer of English department at the University of Jhang. She had also been working in GCUF and LCWU as a visiting lecturer. Her research interests include gender studies and psycho analysis.

Ms. Nimra Zafar

Visiting Lecture



Nimra Zafar serves as a visiting lecturer in English department. I have done my MPhil in English lit from GCUF. My area of interest is postmodern feminism.

Ms. Sumaira Majeed

Visiting Lecturer



This is Sumaira Majeed here. She did her MPhil in English Literature from Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore. She has a multidisciplinary approach towards literature and has a keen interest in temporality of trauma and subjectivity, memory narratives, highlighting issues of cognitive dissociation, enlightening multifaceted concepts of trauma, thinking and practices. She is interested in telling and retelling of events, representation, time and displacement issues, psychoanalysis, highlighting issues of post-traumatic stress disorder, post traumatic growth and viewing all the above narratives from a cross-disciplinary approach. Her work lies in Green Discourse, Trauma narratives, psychoanalysis and feminism. She has presented multiple papers at national and international conferences. She has published paper in a national journal and in international journals.

Ms. Mehwish Aslam

Visiting Lecturer



Ms. Mehwish Aslam is working as a visiting lecturer of English department at University of Jhang. She had also been working in LCWU as a visiting lecturer. Her research interests include post-colonial studies and activity-based learning outcomes.

Departmental Meetings

Department of English, University of Jhang is one of the largest departments with a faculty of 12 permanent and 07 visiting faculty members. Since the beginning of semester Spring'21, the Department decided to hold monthly meetings to discuss issues and concerns of faculty and students regarding administrative processes, quality of education and other such stuff. These meetings also channelized a **Continuous Professional Development (CPD)** forum to enable faculty members to learn from each other by sharing their best teaching practices and skills and grow as professionals.

First meeting of the semester was held on 13 January, 2021 under the headship of Dr. Abdullah. Meeting was conducted to break the ice between newly inducted AP's; Dr. Muhammad Abdulla, Dr. Ayesha Ashraf, newly merged faculty from College of Arts and Sciences and of Department of English, UOJ. Workload of the semester was discussed and teachers were encouraged to opt for the subjects of their interest. Matters regarding communication and commute between two campuses and hiring of visiting faculty were brought to the table, where Dr. Muhammad Abdullah (Head of the Department) ensured that he will reach out to higher administration and get these issues sorted.



English Faculty group picture taken on the day of HEC visit of UOJ

Second meeting of the Department of English was held on February 09, 2021 (Tuesday), in the committee room, College of Arts and Sciences. Meeting was held to discuss issues regarding upcoming exams of Fall 2020, online classes and other departmental matters. Meeting began with a formal greeting note by Dr. Abdullah, Head Department of English. He asked faculty members to share their concerns regarding paper making, paper submission, exam duties and others. A streamlined process of examination was developed starting from the making of paper to its printing and submission to conducting examinations of the entire department.

All co-curricular and extra-curricular activities are put to halt due to COVID-19 and resulting situation, however, all attendees hoped for the situation to get better so that a get together of teachers and students will be arranged since most of them are new for each other. Meeting concluded with a note of thanks from Dr. Abdullah towards the faculty members for taking out time from their packed schedules and getting together for a meeting.

Note: we missed the photo ☺

Third meeting of the Department of English was held on March 10, 2021 (Wednesday) in the video conference room, College of Arts and Sciences. The meeting was held to discuss and plan spring semester, 2021. Major emphasis of the meeting was on the enhancement of **quality of education** and instruction for the best interest of students. Dr. Muhammad Abdullah, Head Department of English, stressed on the importance of consistent feedback to students through their assignments and classwork participation so that individual students can keep the track of their learning. Few important departmental decisions took during the meeting were:

1. Ms. Ruqaiya Manzoor will head the Grievance Committee, and will take necessary actions to resolve and overcome teacher-student conflicts.
2. Ms. Shafqat will be the coordinator for post-graduate program (M.Phil) of the department. She will immediately take over all the correspondence related to the M.Phil program with other institutional bodies.
3. Ms. Ghania Khan will be the incharge of producing the newsletter of the department. She will gather information pertinent to the newsletter and will issue one volume every semester.

4. Ms. Sobia Nageen will be the incharge of IT related issues. She will keep a check on departments and faculty's profile on the university web. She will be updating web regarding the events held at the department of English, University of Jhang.
5. Ms. Zunaira Sumbal will be the incharge of co-curricular activities. She may take assistance from any faculty members subject to their willingness.

Dr. Muhammad Abdullah concluded the meeting by telling faculty members that he completely trusts them regarding the teaching process and this trust should be maintained through thorough dedication from their side. Academic standard of department can be held high by working together in a productive environment.



Fourth monthly meeting of the Department of English was held on April 6, 2021 (Tuesday) in the committee room, College of Arts and Sciences. Meeting was held to discuss the developments in the academic process. The Head of Department updated the faculty members that department is

working on the commencement of two **M.Phil programs** in English Department. Dr. Muhammad Abdullah advised faculty members to remain vigilant toward the teaching practices as the switch between online and physical mode of education has had some debilitating and some constructive effects on students learning styles.

A **Research Seminar** is planned to be held on April 13, 2021 (Tuesday) at 11:45 am (first group) 12:45 pm (second group) in lecture theatre for the students of BS English graduating students. This seminar has been planned to facilitate the students in terms of their research writing abilities. Seminar will be conducted in strict observance of COVID-19 SOP's. It was also proposed in the meeting to form an **Alumni society of English Department**. Department will invite the high achiever graduates to encourage and motivate the enrolled students by sharing their accomplishments and career opportunities in the field of English.



The Department of English formally met for the **fifth departmental** meeting on April, 27, 2021 in the seminar room, College of Arts and Sciences. Central agenda of the meeting was to plan a uniform strategy of instruction throughout the department as University administration has decided

to switch to online mode of education because of the second wave of COVID-19. Teachers will take their online classes as per schedule at campus while students will join the online class through their homes. University will be providing internet facilities within a day so that all teaching activities continue without any trouble or connectivity issues. After taking inputs from all the attendees of the meeting, Head of the Department concluded that Zoom will be the preferred mode of online classes however, teachers can later share their recorded lectures on YouTube or on other platforms. Teachers were asked to keep a strict record of attendance as students tend to stray away during **the online classes**. Meeting concluded with the hope that these hard times get over as soon as possible.



Sixth meeting of the Department of English was held on **19th May, 2021 via Zoom**. Meeting was held to get feedback on online classes from individual teachers and provide solutions to the problems faced during the process. Shortage of Attendance and classroom ethics were two very

alarming issues highlighted by the teachers, to which Dr. Muhammad Abdullah provided some coping mechanisms. Department is not going to compromise on the shortage of attendance and it is high time students realize it's important. Head also advised faculty to design their lectures in a way to ensure maximum participation of students in the online classes so that their attention doesn't stray away. Planning regarding midterm examination was also discussed in the meeting and faculty was asked to keep students informed of the progress in the course completion.

Seventh departmental meeting was held on **June 4, 2021 via zoom** to discuss issues related attendance and examination. It was decided that a strict warning should be given to students with short attendance during the examination week and if they fail to improve their attendance by the final term, they will not be allowed to appear in the final examination. Fee defaulters will not be allowed to appear in the exams unless they clear their dues. Midterm examinations will be starting from June 7, 2021, so teachers were asked to abide by all the rules provided by examination department. The Head of the Department observed that thesis students have become very slow with their research work so supervisors were advised to monitor their progress and encourage them to produce quality work by keeping in mind the time constraints. Dr. Muhammad Abdullah informed faculty member regarding university's decision of providing departmental letters to faculty members so they could be vaccinated on priority basis.

BOS Meeting

The 2nd Board of Studies meeting of the Department of English was held on March 17, 2021. Dr. Muhammad Abdullah as Head of the English Department convened the meeting. Members agreed that a uniform policy for admission in BS English should be followed. Dr. Muhammad Abdullah presented a brief summary of HEC revised curriculum for BS English. BS English syllabus is fine in all respects while University of Jhang can make minor changes according to the need as well as availability of teaching expertise. They further suggested that the policy 136 credit hours should be followed in the BS program as per HEC guidelines. Dr. Muhammad Abdullah presented a summary of HEC revised curriculum for M Phil English Literature and M Phil English Linguistics.

The members appreciated the idea of establishing a Writing Center proposed by Dr. Muhammad Abdullah and the faculty of English. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed between the University of Jhang and Women University of Multan that calls for faculty development, resource sharing, research collaboration and students exchange programs on the departmental level which was officially signed by worthy Vice Chancellor UOJ and Dr. Asmat A. Sheikh. Another memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed between the University of Jhang and Government College University Faisalabad for faculty development, resource sharing, jointly organizing conferences, research seminars and workshops, and academic cooperation on the departmental level. It was officially signed by the honorable Vice Chancellor University of Jhang Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir and Prof. Dr. Mazhar Hayat. The 2nd Board of Studies Meeting ended with a mutual vote of thanks to the chair.





Department of English Extends Academic Linkages

On 17 March, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed between the department of English University of Jhang and department of English Women University of Multan that calls for faculty development, resource sharing, research collaboration and students' exchange programs on the departmental level. It was officially signed by Head of English department Dr. Muhammad Abdullah, Vice Chancellor University of Jhang Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir and Dr. Asmat A. Sheikh, Head of English department, Women University Multan.



Exchange of files by VC UOJ and HOD English Women University

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Exchange of files by VC University of Jhang and HOD English GCUF

Interviews of Visiting Faculty

The Department of English University of Jhang arranged interviews of visiting faculty for vacant posts in response to the applications called through national newspapers on 5-3-2021. Twelve candidates were shortlisted for interviews and three were selected for spring semester 2021. Chairperson Department of English, Dr. Muhammad Abdullah chaired the interview session and ensured fair selection of competent visiting faculty members.



Research Seminar on Successful Completion of a Research Project

Research plays a pivotal role in the development of universities as universities are responsible to disseminate knowledge. University of Jhang's English department arranged a research seminar on April 13, 2021 under the headship of Dr. Muhammad Abdullah. All the research students of BS-English 8th semester attended the seminar. Covid-19 SOPs were strictly followed in the seminar hall. The main goal of the research seminar was to help students develop research skills and competencies. The keynote speaker was Dr. Muhammad Abdullah. He touched upon various elements of a research report. He also talked about how to write a research report and make it presentable. Moreover, he highlighted the differences between various terms used in a research report. He further discussed with students how they can find different sources for their research report. He motivated students to work studiously on their reports and complete their reports in the given time. The last session of the seminar was the Question/Answer session. Dr. Abdullah answered the questions asked by the students regarding their research. The rationale of this seminar was to facilitate students in their research work. The students showed great interest in the seminar.



Faculty Focus Group

In order to discuss classroom concerns and quality matters, a focus group of teachers was arranged, where the entire faculty members shared what worked for them and what not.

Key takeaways from focus group held on 25April, 2021.

1. **Quality of Education.** There is a dire need to focus on the writing skills of students as they are incapable of producing a single sentence without error. Colleagues present in the zoom meeting gave their feedback regarding interaction with students of semester 6. All agreed that certain initiatives should be taken to enhance writing skills of these students before they graduate.

2. A **crash course on writing** has been suggested for these students which will be conducted sometime in future. Meanwhile teachers should take up the responsibility of encouraging students to produce creative and critical expressions in both written and verbal form; inside the classroom and after the classroom.

3. **Note taking and note making habits** of the students should be monitored and a writing sample of each student should be collected three times in a semester (beginning, middle, end) to monitor their growth.

4. Teachers will engage students in such activities which will enable them to **think critically** and respond in a better (grammatically correct) way.

5. **Paper pattern** was discussed and issues regarding short and long questions were raised. It is decided that paper pattern, length of questions and nature of questions remains to the discretion of teacher and subject (obviously in the best interest of students).

6. These **online focus group** will be conducted every two weeks to discuss teaching strategies, also a major focus will be to discuss techniques and methods to improve writing skills.

Meeting was attended by Dr. Muhammad Abdullah, Ms. Ruqaiya Manzoor, Ms. Tayyiba Maryam, Ms. Zunaira Sumbal, Ms. Sehrish Zahra, Ms. Sobia Nageen and Ms. Saima Yasin.

Writing Center Proposal Approved

Taking into consideration the ground realities of academic standards/writing abilities of enrolled students, Dr. Muhammad Abdullah chalked out a comprehensive plan for establishing a writing center at University of Jhang. The proposal was approved by vice chancellor and the execution is expected to begin from Fall 2021. The summary of the proposal shared here:

There is no denial of the value of efficient written communication. This is one of those favorable skills, most recruiters and professional environments yearn for in fresh graduates. Having spent, now, almost 8 years at various universities in Pakistan, what I experienced is, the entire burden of English language proficiency of students rests with English department. Whereas, with unavoidable bigger class sizes (up to fifty and above students) per section, per course, and teachers having to take care of five courses a semester, providing honest feedback on writing assignments of almost 250 students per semester, would remain an impossibility. This leaves little to no time to work with weaker students. Moreover, students with advanced writing abilities cannot get the guidance they deserve for growing into a mature writer.

Teaching writing is an art. It requires tutors to be trained as problem solvers who could identify the difficulty in students' work, provide feedback and share techniques for improvement. The entire process requires collaboration. Academic enrichment is an outcome of continuous and constant feedback. In formal classroom settings, there are aspects of writing that often get overlooked. Developing writing skills goes beyond classrooms. Peer review and writing workshops are essential to the process of bettering writing skills.

Additionally, I enlist some of the potential benefits of UOJ writing center below:

- Catering the needs of students with mixed abilities
- Providing feedback on written work
- Assisting with English for Academic purposes
- Resource center for writing related materials
- Regular workshops for tutors on teaching writing
- Training students to write for professional purposes (CVs, Cover letters, job applications, collaboration invites)

- Research writing support (report writing, referencing conventions, research proposal writing)
- Editing and proofreading assistance
- Creative writing workshops
- Preparing writing manuals for both teachers and students
- Training students to become tutors
- Promoting collaborative learning
- Better profiling of university

Surviving Corona Virus Times

The Department of English Language and Literature University of Jhang has taken all necessary steps to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of university staff, students and the wider community there at university. In compliance with university wide policy, head of department English made it mandatory for the staff and students to keep protecting themselves and the community by following Punjab Govt. recommended SOPs as brought forth by worthy Vice Chancellor. Department made it obvious that COVID-19 remains a real threat to many people in our community by projecting a ray of hope that restrictions will gradually continue to ease once the pandemic is over. Thus the need to continue working together to prevent case numbers rising again remains the department's priority.

It's still vital that everyone who is part of Department of English University of Jhang continues to follow all of the Government and University health measures as the vaccine is rolled out. This all created a safe environment for teaching, research and working across the University, and helped to bring University life back to normal. We also strongly encouraged all students who are there in other departments, including all staff members who are working under this umbrella to help the individuals back to normal human life. With the mercies of Allah, university of Jhang is back to normal. All of the staff members have been vaccinated and now the vaccination guidelines for students are on their full swings.

Diving into World of English: Student Projects

History is a major part of everyday life. Everyone has a history, a past. It's the same way with English. It's not enough just to understand the stories and the author's purpose for writing them. Understanding where it came from is very important to making sense of the whole subject. Whoever wishes to foresee the future must consult the past; for human events ever resemble those of preceding times. This arises from the fact that literary pieces are produced by men who ever have been, and ever shall be, animated by the same passions, and thus they necessarily have the same results.

Leading the idea proposed by Mr. Ghulam Yaseen lecturer Department of English University of Jhang, students worked on history of English Literature projects. These projects of art, knitted in an artistic way focus on chronological creation of literary works, depth of thought over time, richness of emotion in different ages, and insight into the character which takes the literary sparrows beyond the limited experience of lives. It paved the way for students to look at contemporary literature with a historical perspective. These projects make it obvious that every author consciously or unconsciously is drawing on hundreds of years of tradition.

Ghulam Yasin



Faculty Achievements

Ms. Saima Yasin

Contributions

1. Organized one-day curriculum development and coding Workshop at university of Jhang on 14 January, 2021.
2. Organized and hosted 5 days' faculty development program from 18 January to 22 January, 2021.
3. Contributed toward a document of 'uniform course coding rules' as secretary at university of Jhang in March, 2021.



Publication of Research Paper

Ms. Saima Yasin published a research article

Patriarchy as a social tribal value: Feminist analysis of Jamil Ahmed's The Wandering Falcon.

Psychology and Education (2021) volume: 58 (1) page no. 4236-4242

Dr. Ayesha Ashraf



Dr. Ayesha attended the conference on Emerging Language Trend. She also chaired a session on this conference.





Two Papers Published by Dr. Ayesha

1. "Cultural Diversity through localized English Language with reference to Indo-Pak English Novels", published in "Literary Voice", HEC Y category research journal.
2. Dr. Ayesha Ashraf: Chaired a session as well as presented a research paper titled "Postmodern Fiction in 21st Century" in 1st International Conference on English Linguistics and Literature held at Hamdard University Karachi on 7th April, 2021.




Students Achievements

Roll No	Student Name	Achievements	
202021	Kiran Naz	Overall 1st in BS English Department UOJ	
202007	Munawar Hayat	Overall 1st in BS English Department UOJ	

1901	M.Qasim Bilal	<p>1-Got 1st position in Punjabi debate at District level in Zonal Tournament held by High Schools Head Masters Association District, Jhang.</p> <p>2-Got 1st position in Urdu Debate in “Mehfil e Quran,Naat & Debate competition” held in Superior College Jhang.</p> <p>3-Got 3rd position at District level in Punjabi Debate.</p>	
1908	Aoun Raza	Participated in Punjabi poetry competition at university of Jhang.	

201087	Komal Liaqat	Got 1 st Position overall in English Department by obtaining 3.98 GPA in 2021 (1 st Semester)	
201099	Maryam Tanveer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Got 3rd Position overall in English Department by obtaining 3.93 GPA in 2021 (1st Semester) 	
201042	Faiza Ayaz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selected as an Actress in Dramatic Society of 2021 • Got Ehsas Scholarship in 2021 	
201100	Maryam Zahra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Got 3.49 GPA in 1st Semester 2021 • Got Ehsas Scholarship in 2021 	
201167	Sara Sarfraz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Got Ehsas Scholarship in 2021 • I am a member of Dramatic Society in 2021 	
201170	Sharmeen Zahra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am a member of Dramatic Society in 2021 	

1824116052	Kainat Farooq	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate for securing 1st Position in Essay Writing Inter Universities Competition held in GCUF in 2020 • Selected as a President of event management Committee University of Jhang. • Selected as Female University Head Pakistan Ideological Civilization at University of Jhang. 	
17241169082	Muqaddas Arshad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President at Dramatic Club Arts and Culture Society of Jhang, 2021 	
1724116107	Rubina Kousar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of appreciation in Two Days Virtual on Health International Conference (HOC) held on November 25, 2020 	
1724116114	Saira Memoona	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of appreciation in Two Days Virtual on Health International Conference (HOC) held on November 25, 2020 	
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1724116138	SawairaAkram	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of appreciation in Two Days Virtual on Health International Conference (HOC) held on November 25,2020 	

17241161231	Sidra Ramzan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Participation Short Move Competition, 2019 at LCWU, Jhang Campus under HILS • Certificate of participation for 1stMultidisciplinary National Conference held in 2020 at University of Jhang. • Certificate of appreciation in Two Days Virtual on Health International Conference (HOC) held on November 25,2020 	
1724116133	Sumaika Sami	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of participation for 1stMultidisciplinary National Conference held on March 4, 2020 from University of Jhang 	
1724116138	Tehreem Fatima	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of participation for 1st Multidisciplinary National Conference held on March 4, 2020 from University of Jhang 	

Farewell to Graduating Class

In an emotionally charged atmosphere inside the Royal Marquee Jhang the students of department of English literature, management team, along with the help of honorable teachers bid adieu to the students of 2017-2021 batch at a grand farewell function on 4th July 2021. The party was supervised and managed by Ms. Nimra Zafar. The evening progressed with unveiling of the video played by juniors about the memorable moments for the seniors to enjoy their last memories at university. Teachers and students enjoyed a number of games for fun sake. The farewell party came to an end with dinner. We wish our outgoing students a bright future ahead. Nimra Zafar



TRIP TO SOON SAKESAR VALLEY

To rub off the mundane feelings and the dullness caused by COVID-19 a one-day trip of students of 8th semester, English department, to Soon Sakesar Valley was arranged by Ms. Zunaira Sumbal on 3.07.2021. Ms. Zunaira Sumbal and Ms. Nimra Zafar escorted 50 students to a trip which enhanced their bond with nature. 'Soon Sakesar' valley is the house of beautiful lakes, natural forests and amazing waterfalls. Our caravan, at first, visited Khabeki Lake, which lay quietly in the center of majestic mountains. Students enjoyed boating there. The singing of a local singer increased the charm of Khabeki Lake. Our second destination was Kenhatti Garden surrounded by reserve forest. Trekking of 2 kilometers took us to the delightful sight of Kenhatti waterfall. In blazing heat of July this waterfall was no less than heaven for us. On our return we were tired and hungry. So we moved to Kallar Kahar for dinner. There TDCP Lakeview Resort greeted us. The serenity of spreading of evening over the lake was witnessed from the terrace. On our way back we were pleased to spend a wonderful day in the company of mountainous natural reserves. Though tired were we, but from inside each of us was saying "I would just have to come back another time." Zunaira Sumbal



Department of English Organizes Harmony Dinner

English faculty dinner was held on Tuesday, 29 June 2021 at Baranh. Dinner was hosted by faculty of English department to honour the faculty members who joined university of Jhang (Dr. Abdullah and Dr. Ayesha) and faculty members who were joining Lahore College Women University (main campus). Ex-director Madam Halima Iqbal honoured this event by joining the event. This joyful evening was very well arranged by Ms Nimra and Ms Ain visiting lecturers of English department.









UOJ Campus Clicks by Dr. Abdullah







English department's Facebook Page

Department of English, University of Jhang has an official Facebook page to facilitate students, staff, and info seekers. Through this social source, the department shares departmental events and activities which take place under the umbrella of university of Jhang, department of English. This forum helps us develop a narrative that maintains departmental integrity and encourages the team to work more effectively and efficiently. If you want to stay connected with us, please click the link below.

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