



MANONMANIAM SUNDARANAR UNIVERSITY -TIRUNELVELI
PG PROGRAMMES



OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING (ODL) PROGRAMMES

(FOR THOSE WHO JOINED THE PROGRAMMES FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023–2024)

M.A. English

Semester	Course	Title of the Course	Course Code
II	Core IV	Indian Writing in English	SENM21
	Core V	American Literature	SENM22
	Core VI	Shakespeare Studies	SENM23
	Elective - III	Life Writings	SENE21
	Elective – IV	Literature and Film	SENE22
	Skill Enhancement	Employability Skill	SENS21

INDIAN WRITING IN ENGLISH

UNIT	DETAILS
I	Aurobindo: Tiger and the Deer, Rose of God , Toru Dutt: The Lotus, The Casuarina Tree, Sarojini Naidu: Palanquin Bearers, Coromandel Fishers
II	Kamala Das: Looking Glass, An Introduction Parthasarathy: A River Once, Underthe Sky Nissim Ezekiel: Morning Prayer, Enterprise.
III	Tagore - Chandalika Vijay Tendulkar – Silence, the court is in Session
IV	Sri Aurobindo: The Essence of poetry, Style and Substance (from ‘The Future Poetry’) Dr. S. Radhakrishnan : Emerging World Society, Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam : Orientation (Wings of Fire).
V	Mulk Raj Anand- Two Leaves and the Bud Shashi Taroor – Riot Pudumaippittan’s - Redemption (Akalikai and Sabavimochanam)
Recommended Text	
1	Ramamurti, K.S. (ed.). Twenty five Indian Poets in English Macmillan. 1995. (Latest Editions)

AMERICAN LITERATURE

UNIT	DETAILS
I	POETRY : Walt Whitman - Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking Emily Dickinson - The Soul Selects Her Own Society Robert Frost - After Apple Picking E. E. Cummings - Cambridge Ladies Wallace Stevens - Anecdote of the Jar Sylvia Plath “Lady Lazarus” Adrienne Rich - Snapshots of a Daughter-in-law
II	Prose - Emerson - The American Scholar Amy Tan- Mother Tongue Thoreau - Walden (Chapter “Pond”)
III	Drama - Arthur Miller - Death of a Salesman, Tennessee Williams - A Street Car Named Desire Marsha Norman - Night Mother
IV	Fiction – William Faulkner – Light in August Kate Chopin - The Awakening
V	Short Story - Edgar Allan Poe - The Cask of Amontillado Herman Melville - Bartleby the Scrivener Philip Roth - The Conversation of the Jews
Recommended Text	
1	Willis Wagner : American Literature - A World View (Latest Editions)

SHAKESPEARE STUDIES

UNIT	DETAILS
I	Shakespeare Theatre; Theatre Conventions; Sources; Problems of categorization; Trends in Shakespeare Studies up to the 19 th Century; Sonnet and court politics; famous actors; theatre criticism; Shakespeare into film & play production.
II	Sonnets – 12, 65, 86, 130, Comedy plays - Much Ado About Nothing
III	Tragedy – Othello
IV	History Henry IV Part I
V	Shakespeare Criticism - Modern approaches - mythical, archetypal, feminist, post-colonial, New historicist ; A.C. Bradley (extract) Granville Baker - From Prefaces to Shakespeare Stephen Greenblatt - Invisible Bullets: Renaissance Authority and its Subversion, Henry IV & Henry V, in Shakespearean Negotiations. New York: Oxford University Press, 1988
Recommended Text	
1	Stephen Greenblatt, ed., 1997, The Norton Shakespeare, (Romances & Poems, Tragedies, Comedies), W.W. Norton & Co., London. (Latest Editions)

LIFE WRITINGS

UNIT	DETAILS
I	<p>Defining Kinds of Life Writing (1-4 from Sidonie Smith)</p> <p>Autoethnography, Bildungsroman, Confession, Diary, Memoir, Slave Narrative, Travel Narrative</p> <p>1. Carole Angier : Biography (Essay) (pp. 47-63) <i>The Arvon Book of Life Writing: Writing biography, autobiography and memoir</i> Sally Cline, Carole Angier</p> <p>2. Sally Cline : Autobiography (Essay) (pp. 64-81) <i>The Arvon Book of Life Writing: Writing biography, autobiography and memoir</i> Sally Cline and Carole Angier</p> <p>3. Sidonie Smith : Fifty-two Genres of Life Narrative (pp. 183-208) Appendix A, <i>Reading Autobiography: A Guide for Interpreting Life Narratives</i> Sidonie Smith and Julia Watson</p>
II	<p>Autobiography (BTCL- K2, K4)</p> <p>1. Malini Chib : One Little Finger (Autobiography)</p> <p>2. Manobi Bandopadhyay : A Gift of Goddess Lakshmi</p>
III	<p>Memoirs and Testimonials (BTCL- K2, K4)</p> <p>1. Viktor Frankl : Man's Search for Meaning (Memoir)</p> <p>2. Mourid Barghouti : I Saw Ramallah (Memoir)</p> <p>3. Urvashi Butalia : The Other Side of Silence: Voices from the Partition (Memoir / Testimonials)</p>
IV	<p>Literary Works (Drama) (BTCL- K2, K4)</p> <p>1. Eugene O'Neil : Long Day's Journey into Night</p>
V	<p>Autofiction and Short Life Narratives (BTCL- K2, K4)</p> <p>1. Christopher Isherwood : Goodbye To Berlin (Autofiction)</p> <p>2. Nandini Oza : Homeless: Revli's Story <i>Whither Justice: Stories of Women in Prison</i></p>
Recommended Text	
1	Sally Cline and Carole Angier, <i>The Arvon Book of Life Writing: Writing biography, autobiography and memoir. (Latest Editions)</i>
2	Sidonie Smith and Julia Watson, <i>Reading Autobiography: A Guide for Interpreting Life Narratives. (Latest Editions)</i>

LITERATURE AND FILM

UNIT	DETAILS
I	Shakespeare - Othello (Text And Film)
II	Mary Shelly – Frankenstein (Text And Film)
III	Charles Dickens - A tale of two cities (Text And Film)
IV	G.B.Shaw Pygmalion (My fair Lady) Text And Film
V	<p>J.K. Rowlings - Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (Text and Film)</p> <p>Movies for Appreciation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Few Good Men - Legal Drama by Aaron Sorkin's 1989 2. Confessions of a Shopaholic - Sophie Kinsella 3. Elippathayam - Adoor Gopalakrishnan <p style="text-align: center;">Bridge on River Kwai - Novel to Film</p>
Recommended Text	
1	Louis Giannetti, 1972, Understanding Movies, Prentice Hall, New Jersey. (Latest Editions)
2	Ed. S. Vasudevan, 2000, Making Meaning in Indian Cinema, OUP, New Delhi. (Latest Editions)

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

UNIT	DETAILS
I	Importance of Communication Skills Components of Communication Formal and Informal Communication Verbal and Non Verbal Communication LSRW Skills
II	Greetings and Self Introduction Asking and Responding to Questions Sharing Information with others Social Etiquette
III	Goal Setting Job Search Applying for Jobs Resume Writing Interview Skills Telephone Skills Stages and types of Interviews Mock Interview Group Discussion
IV	Self-Management Stress Management Time Management Emotional Intelligence
V	Work place Communication Team Management Leadership Skills Problem Solving Skills Decision Making Negotiations
Recommended Text	
1	Michael Mccarthy and Felicity O’Dell, English Vocabulary in use(Advanced) (Latest Edition)
2	Dr. M. Sen Gupta, Skills for Employability: A Handbook (Latest Edition)
3	Brent C. Oberg. Interpersonal Communication (Latest Edition)
4	John Seely. The Oxford Guide to Writing and Speaking (Latest Edition)