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This flyer is prepared by the MCA for general information.

IGNOU's programme prospectus carries the official information.

The programme will be offered subject to an adequate number of learners enrolling.

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**INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN
UNIVERSITY (IGNOU)**



**MAURITIUS COLLEGE OF THE AIR
(MCA)**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN
ENGLISH**

(BA English)

PROSPECTUS 2012

MAURITIUS COLLEGE OF THE AIR

Division of Distance Education

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

(BA) ENGLISH

The Mauritius College of the Air is proposing to offer the Indira Gandhi National Open University's (IGNOU's) *Bachelor of Arts in English* programme.

IGNOU was established in 1985. It has today emerged as one of the largest open universities in the world. In 2008, its annual fresh enrolment crossed 500,000 and its cumulative student strength is about 2 million now. This amounts to about 15% of the total student population in the universities in India. IGNOU has over 45 overseas partner institutions including Mauritius.

IGNOU has also been designated as a Centre of Excellence for Distance Education by the Commonwealth of Learning..

The Division of Distance Education of the MCA has been offering courses to Mauritian learners since 1995 in a wide variety of subjects in order to increase access to higher education for people who are already working and cannot enrol for full-time instruction.

It is known for the nature of its services to distance education learners who find a supportive environment to ensure their success in the studies they undertake.

1. AIMS/OBJECTIVES OF THE BA ENGLISH PROGRAMME

The programme has a broad-based design. It aims at giving learners a sound foundation in language and communication skills, and expose them to a wide range of literature. Learners will develop a better understanding of literatures in English and build up critical/analytical skills. The syllabus also includes application-oriented subjects such as feature writing, writing for the radio/TV and teaching.

2. WHO IS THE PROGRAMME FOR?

- School Leavers
- General Public

3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The following or their equivalent:

School Certificate with 5 credits and HSC 2 'A' Levels
or
School Certificate with 4 credits and HSC 3 'A' Levels

4. DURATION

The minimum duration for the programme is 3 years (flexible/distance learning). A 4-credit course will require 120 hours of self-study and an 8-credit course involves 240 study hours (*please see programme structure*)

5. DELIVERY OF PROGRAMME

The programme will be delivered through open/distance teaching. Learners will get the self-instructional materials especially designed by IGNOU to facilitate independent study. Support will be provided as appropriate from the following:

- Induction
- A programme planner to establish a timetable for study
- Regular face-to-face tutorials with tutors trained to work with adult learners
- A personal tutor
- Additional reference/materials in our Library
- Individual coaching through comments and feedback on assignments
- Counselling including guidance on study skills and writing skills
- Phone counselling
- Pastoral Care
- Institutional/Administrative support.

Your responsibilities as well as those of MCA for the delivery of the program are detailed in the Student Charter at <http://www.mca.mu/advert/odl/charter.jan11.pdf>

Face to face sessions will be held at Belle Rose SSS

6. HOW IS THE PROGRAMME ASSESSED?

Assessment will consist of

- Continuous assessment through tutor-marked assignment - weighting (30%)
- Year-end examinations - weighting (70%)

7. EXAMINATIONS

Examinations are organised and conducted by the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate (MES).

8. HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

- Full cost – Rs51,000 payable in three equal instalments of Rs17,000 at the beginning of each academic year.

The amount charged may vary if the US\$ fluctuates.

The fees **exclude** local examination fees payable to the Mauritius Examinations Syndicate and IGNOU exam fees at the rate of US\$ 10 per course.

9. PROPOSED STARTING DATE

January 2012

10. RECOGNITION

This IGNOU programme is approved by the Mauritius Qualifications Authority (MQA) and recognised by the National Accreditation and Equivalence Council (NAEC). [Still valid as per Section 6 of the Education & Training (Misc. provisions) Act 2005]

This is an Ordinary BA degree rated Level 7 on the MQA National Qualifications Framework.

11. HOW DO I GET A REFUND IF I STOP STUDYING?

The conditions are as follows:

- if no course material is issued – 90% of fee paid is refunded
- if a request is made within 3 weeks of induction on account of major life events, 75% of fees paid is refunded provided course material is returned in good condition.

Requests for refund made after 3 weeks of induction are not considered.

12. PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

To successfully complete the BA English programme, the learner has to earn **96 credits**, i.e. 32 credits per year or 16 credits per semester.

Year	Semester	Course Code	Course Title	Credits
1	I Jan - June 2012	FEG-1	Foundation Course in English - 1	4
		BSHF-101	Foundation Course in Humanities & Social Sciences	8
		FEG-2	Foundation Course in English – 2	4
	II July- Dec 2012	BEGE-101	Language Through Literature	8
		BEGE1-02	The Structure of Modern English	8
2	I Jan -June 2013	FST-1	Foundation Course in Science & Technology	8
		BEGE-103	Communication Skills in English	8
	II July- Dec 2013	BEGE-105	Understanding Prose	8
		ESO-11	The Study of Society	8
3	I Jan -June 2014	EEG-06	Understanding Poetry	8
		BEGE-107	Understanding Drama	8
	II July - Dec 2014	CTE-03	Teaching Strategies	4
		CTE-05	Teaching English (Elementary)	4
			OR	
	BEGE-108	Teaching English (Secondary)	4	
		Reading the Novel	8	
Total number of credits for 3 years				96

* Each credit is equivalent to 30 hours of study

13. DOCUMENTS TO BE PRODUCED UPON REGISTRATION/ENROLMENT

Original + One photocopy of each of the following:

- Birth Certificate
- Marriage Certificate (If applicable)
- Educational Certificates
- ID card &
- Two Passport Photographs