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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)**

**MASTER OF ARTS IN
ENGLISH
(MA ENGLISH)**

PROSPECTUS 2012

MASTER OF ARTS IN ENGLISH

(MA ENGLISH)

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

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 MA ENGLISH PROGRAMME

This is an opportunity for advanced study of English language and literatures in English. Learners will delve into phonetics, morphology, syntax and stylistics and develop a sound grasp of the mechanics of English language. Study of literary criticism, contemporary literary theory and deconstruction will enhance critical/analytical abilities. The broad selection of literature from different parts of the world will make learners appreciate multicultural voices and the internationalisation of English.

2. WHO IS THE PROGRAMME FOR?

General Public

3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

School Certificate or equivalent with 5 credits
HSC 2 'A' Levels or equivalent
A Bachelor's Degree

4. DURATION

The minimum duration for the programme is 2 years through distance learning. Each course requires 240 hours of study.

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 programme are detailed in the Student Charter at <http://www.mca.ac.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 – Rs61,200 payable in two equal instalments of Rs30,600 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 & IGNOU examination 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*]

11. 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 refunded in good condition.

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

12. PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The MA English programme comprises 64 credits. 32 credits in the first year and 32 credits in the second year. It has 8 courses. Each course carries 8 credits and will require 240 hours of self-study.

		Course Code	Course Title
Year 1	Semester 1 Jan – June 2012	MEG-01	British Poetry
		MEG-02	British Drama
	Semester 2 July – Dec 2012	MEG-03	British Novel
		MEG-04	Aspects of Language
Year 2	Semester 1 Jan – June 2013	MEG-05	Literary Criticism and Theory
		MEG-06	American Literature
	Semester 2 July – Dec 2013	MEG-07	Indian English Literature
		MEG-08	New Literatures in English

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