

Annual Report 2020

Department of English

Green University of Bangladesh



Photo-1: Group photograph of the Chairperson and all the faculty members of Department of English

1. Overview of the Department

The Department of English, one of the vibrant departments at GUB, fosters a rigorous study of English language and literature related to various literary periods and geographical areas. The curriculum of the department is designed and implemented in accordance with the modern international standard of English studies maintained by eminent universities of both the East and the West. Literature courses of the program strive to promote a comprehensive knowledge of

human culture by a perceptive reading practice and a critical appreciation of English texts by both native and non-native authors across the globe. Students are accordingly trained in scholarly methods, including archival research, theoretical assessment, cultural studies as well as aesthetic critique. Special attention is also laid to the exploration of gender studies, post-colonial writings and literary theories in addition to the study of traditional genres of European literature.

Considering the growing importance of English as a crucial means of communication and artistic expression, the Department of English at GUB combines linguistics and ELT courses to familiarize the learners with the basics of language and to ensure their attainment of communicative skills and essential strategies in English. The linguistics concentration places a special emphasis on the study of English phonetics and phonology, analysis of English morphology and syntax, plus the theories of language acquisition. In addition to these major courses, the department also provides intensive mentoring in critical and expository writing, editing and publishing through a variety of supplementary activities under the English Language Club.

Vision Statement of the Department

The department of English envisions to be a center of excellence in teaching-learning English language and literatures, research and innovation in broader socio-cultural-environmental perspectives and prepare the graduates for meeting skilfully the defining challenges of the 21st century.

Mission Statement of the Department

To impart high quality education at the undergraduate level with an emphasis on basic and advanced knowledge of English language and literature

To establish the department as a nationally and internationally recognized research centre with observable results and innovations and integrate them into an interdisciplinary approach.

To make the students academically competent, ethically driven, socially responsible citizens and skilled communicators within the global village

To hone the students' required skills to solve the complex socio-cultural-environmental-technological problems of the 21st century.

Core values

We believe, we practice and we promote:

Excellence in teaching and learning language and literature
Deeper understanding of life and society
Innovation in research
Integration of ethical values in academic and practical life
Leadership in social responsibility
Interdisciplinary approach
Lifelong learning and practice
Think green and live green

Tagline:

Bringing brilliance in career and beyond

Strategic Priorities:

- Recruit, retain quality faculty member
- Create and deliver a world class Bachelor program in English
- Enhance academic scholastic and professional skills
- Increase the level of language & literature

Basic Objectives of the Undergraduate English Programme

- To provide the students with an extensive knowledge of relevant areas within English studies, including literature, literary history, critical theory and linguistics;
- To help students achieve high proficiency in English by a comprehensive training in listening, speaking, reading and writing;
- To involve them in skills and techniques necessary for the appreciation and enjoyment of English literature and language;
- To familiarize the students with the variegated applications as well as the practical utilities of English studies in the modern life;
- To prepare the students for creative works and modern research by broadening their faculty of observation, interpretation and critical thinking;
- To offer the students with meaningful education supportive of the development of individualism, professional skills and social values.

Key Features of the Department of English

- Highly qualified faculty members from renowned institutions at home and abroad;
- Congenial academic atmosphere with special attention to the needs of learners;

- Small class size ensuring quality education and advancement of individual talents of the students;
- Well-planned syllabus with updated teaching and learning standards; Compulsory general education courses for widening students' knowledge in other vital disciplines;
- Adequate opportunity for exploring courses in Literature, Language, Applied Linguistics and ELT;
- Modern Digital English Language Lab;
- English Language Club promoting variegated literary and linguistic activities.

2. Conferences, Seminars and Workshops organized by the Departments

Farewell to Mr. Mohammad Aminur Rahman, Lecturer, Department of English

A farewell ceremony has been organized by Green University English Club (GUEC) for Mohammad Aminur Rahman, Lecturer, Department of English on January 2, 2020. The program was also ornamented by the gracious presence of honorable Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Golam Samdani Fakir, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque as the chief guest and special guest respectively. Besides, Prof. Dr. Golam Ahmed Faruqui, Dean, Green Business School and Mr. Md. Shahid Ullah, Treasurer of GUB were also present in the program. All of them encouraged him for his future endeavors. Chairperson of the Department of English, Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir graced the program as the session chair. Students and his colleagues shared their special memories with him about his journey at GUB.



Photo 2: Farewell to Mr. Mohammad Aminur Rahman, Lecturer, Department of English

Seminar on Studying Abroad: Myth or Reality

A seminar on “Studying Abroad: Myth or Reality” has been organized by Green University English Club (GUEC) on February 4, 2020. Mr. Mohammad Osman Farhan Al Harun, Assistant Professor, Department of English and GULC was the keynote speaker of the seminar. Notably, he is now pursuing his PHD at University Putra Malaysia. Honorable VC, Pro VC, and Chairperson of the Department of English were present in this program. Students and his colleagues were also attended the seminar. He shared his experiences studying in Malaysia. Also, to inspire the students, he described different positive aspects of studying abroad and how it can be a landmark for their career.



Photo 3: Seminar with Mr. Md. Osman Farhan Al Harun, Assistant Professor, Department of English

Webinar with Mr. Md. Shahedul Haque, Assistant Professor, Department of English, North South University

A webinar titled “Reinforcing Interactive Verbal Behavior” was organized by the Department of English on **August 27, 2020 at 2:00 pm** through Zoom video-conferencing platform. The keynote speaker of the session was **Mr. Md. Shahedul Haque**, Assistant Professor, Department of English, North South University. Honorable Vice Chancellor of GUB, **Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir** and Honorable Pro-Vice Chancellor of GUB, **Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque**, graced the session as Chief Guest and Special Guest respectively. The session was chaired by **Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir**, Chairperson, Department of English, Green University of Bangladesh. Throughout the session, the Keynote speaker pointed out that paralinguistic features like rising tone/ tune/ intonation, falling ton, tune, intonation, pitch as well as voice modulation are extremely important in interactive verbal behavior.



Photo 4: A Webinar on “Reinforcing Interactive Verbal Behavior” with Mr. Md. Shahedul Haque, Assistant Professor, Department of English, North South University

Webinar series with Mr. Ashik Istiak, Senior Lecturer (on Study Leave), Green University Bangladesh

A webinar series was conducted by Mr. Ashik Istiak, Senior Lecturer (On study leave), Department of English for five consecutive weeks from August 22, 2020 to September 19, 2020 at 11:00 am every week using Zoom video-conferencing platform. The first session of the Webinar Series was on “Native Americans, European Exploration in the Colonial Era, Succeeding Colonial Era, Road to Freedom” and the opening session was graced by our Honorable Vice Chancellor of GUB, Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir and Honorable Pro Vice-Chancellor of GUB, Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque, as Chief Guest and Special Guest respectively. The session was chaired by Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir, Chairperson, Department of English.

Webinar Series

Title: Native Americans, European Explorations in the Colonial Era, Succeeding Colonial Era, Road to Freedom



Speaker
Mr. Ashik Istiak
Senior Lecturer (On Study Leave)
Department of English
Green University of Bangladesh

Date: August 22, 2020

Time: 11:30 AM

ZOOM ID: 63834853748

Chief Guest



Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir
Vice-Chancellor
Green University of Bangladesh



Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque
Pro Vice-Chancellor
Green University of Bangladesh

Session Chair



Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir
Chairperson
Department of English

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Photo 5: A Webinar series on “Native Americans, European Explorations in the Colonial Era, Succeeding Colonial Era, Road to Freedom” with Mr. Ashik Istiak, Senior Lecturer (On Study Leave), Dept. Of English, Green University of Bangladesh (GUB)

Webinar with Dr. Hossain Al Mamun, Professor, Department of English, SUST

A webinar on "**Rediscovering Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart* with the Notion of Change**" was organized by the Department of English on Thursday, 15 October 2020 at 12:00 p.m. through Zoom-video conferencing platform. The keynote speaker of the webinar was **Dr. Hossain Al Mamun**, Professor, Department of English at Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Sylhet. Honorable Vice Chancellor of Green University of Bangladesh (GUB), **Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir** graced the event as the Chief guest and Honorable Pro Vice-Chancellor of GUB, **Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque** was the Special guest of the webinar. The session was chaired by **Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir**, Chairperson, Department of English. At the beginning of the session, the faculty members of the Department of English welcomed the keynote speaker for such a webinar to gather knowledge about European colonization with the notion of change. The Chairperson of the Department of English, **Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir** also took part in the interactive session with the speaker. Students from different batches, also asked different questions to the speaker. The question answer session made the webinar a lively one.



Photo 6: A Webinar on “Rediscovering Chinua Achebe's *Things Fall Apart* with the Notion of Change” with Dr. Hossain Al Mamun, Professor, Department of English, SUST

Orientation Program of Pre-university English Language Course

The Department of English in collaboration with Green University Language Center offered a one month long free English Language Course in the hope of helping the students who lack proficiency in English, willing to learn and looking for opportunities. The orientation program of the course held on December 31st, 2021. Around 500 students registered for the program and around 160 students from different colleges and polytechnic institutions have joined the orientation program using the online platform Zoom. Honorable Vice Chancellor, **Prof Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir**, graced the session as the Chief Guest. Besides, **Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir**, Chairperson, Department of English, graced the session as the Session Chair. The course started on January 2nd, 2021 and successfully ended on January 31st, 2021.




Photo 7: Orientation Program of Pre-university English Language Course

Webinar with Prof. Prof. Dr. Md. Shahidullah, Director of Institute of English and other Languages & Former Chairperson, Department of English, Rajshahi University

The Department of English, Green University of Bangladesh successfully organized a Webinar titled “**Language Education: From Theory into Practice and Vice-Versa**” at 11:30 am on December 21, 2020 through Zoom video-conferencing platform. The keynote speaker was **Dr. Md. Shahidullah**, Director of Institute of English and other Languages & Former Chairperson of Department of English, Rajshahi University. Honorable Vice Chancellor of GUB, **Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir** and Honorable Pro Vice-Chancellor of GUB, **Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque**, were invited to the session as Chief Guest and Special Guest respectively. Honorable Dean of Arts and Social Sciences of GUB, **Prof. Dr. Golam Ahmed Faruqi** graced the session as special guest. The session was chaired by **Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir**, Chairperson, Department of English, Green University of Bangladesh. Around 175 participants, including the Faculty members and students of the Department of English, from both Permanent campus and city campus, attended the webinar and participated enthusiastically in the question answer session. Professor Prof. Dr. Md Shahidullah discussed the core of Language Education and shed light on the challenging aspects of Language learning theories and their application in the classroom.


Webinar


Language Education: From Theory into Practice and Vice-Versa




Keynote Speaker
Prof. Dr. Md. Shahidullah
Director, Institute of English and Other Languages
& Former Chairperson
Department of English, Rajshahi University

Date: 21 December 2020 (11:30 am)
Link: <https://bdren.zoom.us/j/62466637951>
Session ID: 62466637951







Chief Guest
Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir
Vice-Chancellor
Green University of Bangladesh



Special Guest
Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Razaque
Pro Vice-Chancellor
Green University of Bangladesh



Special Guest
Prof. Dr. Golam Ahmed Faruqi
Dean
GBS, Arts and Social Sciences
Green University of Bangladesh



Session Chair
Mr. K. M. Wasim Kabir
Associate Professor & Chairperson
Department of English
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Photo 8: Prof. Dr. Md. Shahidullah, Director of Institute of English and other Languages & Former Chairperson, Department of English, Rajshahi University

3. Arrivals, Departures and Promotions

- i) Md. Zohorul Islam joined as a Lecturer, Department of English joined on January 21, 2020.
- ii) Munira Nawar joined as a Lecturer at the Department of English on January 21, 2020.
- iii) Umme Habiba joined as a Lecturer at the Department of English on January 21, 2020 and had her departure in May 2020.
- iii) Mohammad Aminur Rahman, Lecturer, Department of English, left on January 2, 2020.
- iv) Mahbuba Sarker Shama, Lecturer, Department of English, left in October, 2020.

4. Student Club Activities

Freshers' Orientation Program, Spring 2020

Every semester, Freshers' Orientation Program of the department of English is organized by English club on January 28, 2020. In the orientation program of Spring 2020, all the faculty members and students from previous batches participated with sheer joy to welcome batch 193 of the department of English which is also known as the flagship department of the university. Freshers, all the faculty members and staffs of the department joined the program with great joy. Departmental course curriculum, different academic and extra-curricular activities, mentor-ship

program, and other necessary information were also provided by the former students, mentors and faculty members of the department. Students from different batches sang songs, recited poems and danced to entertain the new batch. Finally, the Chairperson of the department, Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir welcomed the freshers with his inspirational speech.



Photo 9: Freshers' Orientation Program, Spring 2020

Freshers' Orientation Program, Summer 2020

Freshers' orientation program for Summer semester has been organized by Green University English Club (GUEC), Department of English, to welcome the newly admitted students on Sunday 5th of July, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. through Zoom-video conferencing platform. **Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir**, Chairperson, Department of English was present as the Chair of the orientation program. All the faculty members, department coordination officer, newly admitted students and students from different batches were also present in this program. Moreover, the newly admitted students from batch 202 talked about the class routine, registration process, online class conduction process and Mr. Mohammad Golam Mohiuddin, Senior Lecturer and Program Coordinator of the Department, guided them by providing necessary information regarding their queries. A cultural program was also arranged at the second segment of the program to cheer up the new batch. Finally, **Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir**, Chairperson, Department of English and Chair of the program, made concluding remarks by congratulating the freshers for joining the Department of English and inspired them for their future endeavors. Also, he appreciated the organizing team of the orientation program, club moderators, club members, student volunteers, department coordination officer and all the faculty members of the Dept. of English for their kind cooperation.

Freshers' Orientation Program, Fall 2020

Freshers' orientation program for Fall semester has been organized by Green University English Club (GUEC), Department of English, to welcome the newly admitted students on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. through Zoom-video conferencing platform. **Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir**, Associate Professor and Chairperson, Department of English was present as the Chair of the orientation program. The program started with the recitation from the Holy Qur'an. In the first

segment of the program, Ms. Munira Nawar, Lecturer, Department of English and Deputy Moderator of English Club, delivered the welcome speech by congratulating the freshers. After that, the newly admitted students of batch 203 introduced themselves. In addition, all the faculty members introduced themselves and talked about different academic and co-curricular activities which can help the freshers prepare to face the challenges of the 21st century. Afterwards, one of the toppers of batch 202, shared his journey at the Department of English, GUB, to guide the freshers. Besides, president of GUEC, encouraged the freshers to join in club activities to develop their competencies and communication skills. All the faculty members, department coordination officer, newly admitted students and students from different batches were also present in this program. Mr. Mohammad Golam Mohiuddin, Senior Lecturer and Program Coordinator of the Department, guided them by providing necessary information regarding their queries. A cultural program was also arranged at the second segment of the program to cheer up the new batch. Finally, **Mr. K. M. Wazed Kabir**, Associate Professor and Chairperson, Department of English and Chair of the program, made concluding remarks by congratulating the freshers for joining the Department of English and shared his experiences to motivate the newcomers.



Photo 10: Freshers' Orientation Program, Fall 2020



Photo 11: Freshers' Orientation Program, Summer 2020

5. Research and Publications

a. Leveraging Students' Profiles for Conducive Environment in Classrooms and Beyond, Green

University Review of Social Sciences, Vol-5, Issue-1, March 2020. (First Author)

b. Kabir, K. W., & Benazir, A. (2020). PORTRAYAL OF WOMEN IN FARAH GUZNAVI'S "

GETTING THERE", " A MOSQUITO NET CONFESSION" AND ARISTOPHANES' LYSISTRATA: A COMPARATIVE STUDY. *ANGLISTICUM. Journal of the Association-Institute for English Language and American Studies*, 9(1), 18-28.

c. Kabir, K. W., & Jamil, R. Realism and Transcendentalism in the Selected Poems of Robert Frost: The Juxtaposition of Nature and Humanity.

d. Kabir, K. W. (2020). Toxic Masculinity in the Dark Room by RK Narayan and Night of No Moon by Syed Waliullah: A Comparative Study. *Educational Research (IJMCER)*, 2(4), 152-159.

e. Munira, S., Hossain, A., & Nessa, M. (2020). The Perception of Using Language in Gender Disparity: A Study on Tertiary Level Students. *Asian Journal of Social Science Studies*, 5(1), 1.

f. Mondol, M. S., & Mohiuddin, M. G. (2020). Confronting Covid-19 with a paradigm shift in teaching and learning: A study on online classes. *International Journal of Social, Political and Economic Research*, 7(2), 231-247.

g. Mondol, M. S. (2020), The Making of a Powerful Poet: Studying Helal Hafiz's Poetry in Personal Domain and Historical Context. *Green University Review of Social Sciences*. Print.

h. Fakir, M. G. S., Islam, M., & Mohiuddin, M. G. The Impact of Radio Jockeys' Language on Teenagers: A Study on the Audience of Spice FM Radio.

- i.** Istiak, Ashik. (2020), Observing “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening” as a Transition of America from Transcendentalism to Realism, *Harvest (Jahangirnagar University)*. Print.
- j.** Istiak, Ashik. (2020), Forms and Functions of Fictional Autobiographical Narrative in Daniel Defoe’s Robinson Crusoe: A Close Observation of Character Crusoe’s Metamorphosis into Narrator Crusoe, *Green University Review of Social Sciences*. Print.
- k.** Islam, M. Z. An Existential Reading of Haruki Murakami’s “Men Without Women”, *American Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences Research (AJHSSR)*, 4(12), 419-424.