

MASTER OF ARTS IN LITERATURE (MLIT)

Objectives

- i) The Master of Arts in Literature Programme is intended to give students deeper training and specialization in Literature. This will strengthen Uganda's creative and intellectual capacity, and also widen the employment opportunities of the individual graduates.
- ii) Literature normally sharpens the critical capacity of the students, and revitalizes their use of language. This in turn helps them to refocus their perception of national issues.

Curriculum

Duration

The MA.. Literature degree is offered by coursework and dissertation over two academic years.

- a) There will be two semesters in the first year of study, each of 17 weeks; 15 weeks for tuition and two weeks for examination.
- b) There shall be a three weeks holiday between semesters.
- c) The courses will be organized as below:
 - i) Ten courses each of 60 contact hours (5 per semester) in the first year will be offered.
 - ii) All shall be examined by coursework and examination, to be done at the end of the semester in which the courses are offered.
- (d) In the first year, all candidates shall attend Lectures and Seminars on a full time basis. On successful completion of the taught courses in the first year, candidates are expected to work at their dissertation on an approved topic under a supervisor appointed by the appropriate University authority. There shall be regular reports on the students' progress.

Programme Structure

The order of the courses is subject to adjustment at the beginning of any academic year, depending on the availability of facilities

and personnel. Six of the courses offered on the programme will be Core courses.

Year I: Semester I (Core Course)		
Course Code	Course Name	CU
Lit 7101	Research Methods	3
Lit 7102	Epic Prose and Poetry	3
Lit 7103	African Poetry & Contemporary Experience	3
Electives		
Lit 7104	The African Novel	3
Lit 7105	Theatre for Development	3
Lit 7106	Popular Literature	3
Lit 7107	Oral Literature Forms and Issues	3
Lit 7108	American Literature	3
Semester II (Core Courses)		
Lit 7201	Advanced Literary Theory	3
Lit 7202	Selected Author	3
Lit 7203	Ugandan Literature	3
Electives (2 courses are selected)		
Lit 7204	Trends in 20 th Century Drama	3
Lit 7205	Children's Literature	3
Lit 7206	Literature and Human Rights	3
Lit 7207	Caribbean Literature	3
Lit 7208	Gender Issues in Literature and the Media	3

Progressive Assessment

In the first year, essays and other related projects, shall account for 40% of the final examination mark.

Year II

Dissertation

In the second year of study, a student is expected to specialize in a chosen area and write a dissertation. A student will write a research proposal in accordance with University regulations governing higher degrees and submit the proposals initially in the form of a Department seminar.