

## **Diploma in English (Extension) Programme**

The Diploma in English (Extension) is a one – year course of study conducted by the Department of English Language Teaching, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.

The programme was launched in 2000 and is a weekend course designed for those employed in the public and private sectors and also for school leavers. The course provides the necessary advanced language skills for those in employment whose professional advancement is obstructed by their lack of competency in English Language & for those who seek employment opportunities.

The course has been designed on par with Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework of the Ministry of Higher Education and equates SLQ1 3 (NVQ1 5)

**Duration:** One Year/ Two Semesters

**Credit Weightage:** 30 credits

### **Aims & objectives:**

- To provide opportunities to those who aspire to learn English.
- To improve the participants' productive ability, self-confidence and clarity in the use of English so that they could function in a work environment.
- To help the participants to lay a strong foundation to pursue advanced English Courses leading to higher Diplomas and Degrees.
- To help participants to prepare themselves for internationally recognized English Courses such as IELTS, TOEFL and FCE (Cambridge).
- To provide an opportunity for the participants to obtain Diploma Level University English qualifications for their promotional prospects.

**Entry Requirements:**

- A. An Advanced Certificate in English from a recognized university OR
- B. A candidate should have passed General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination or an equivalent qualification or a course equivalent to SLQL 2 (Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework) or NVQL 4 (National Vocational Qualification)
  - and
  - a. A credit pass for English at GCE (O/L) or
  - b. Basic or Professional English Certificate from a recognized university or
  - c. A pass at the National Certificate in English (NCE) or
  - d. A pass for General English at the GCE (A/L) or
  - e. A pass at the compulsory English examination conducted by a university as a requirement for the award of a degree. or
  - f. A degree in English medium from a recognized university. Or
  - g. Any other qualification, the Board of Studies may, on case by case evaluation, consider suitable, and acceptable to the Senate

**Selection Criteria:**

In addition to the required qualifications, the candidates under Section B should pass the written Selection Test and the Oral Test conducted by the Department of English Language Teaching of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.

**Subjects:****Semester I**

DPEN 1113: Language Structure -I  
DPEN 1123: Reading Skills - I  
DPEN 1133: Writing Skills - I  
DPEN 1143: Oral Skills - I  
DPEN 1153: English Literature - I

**Semester II**

DPEN 1213: Language Structure -II  
DPEN 1223: Reading Skills - II  
DPEN 1233: Writing Skills - II  
DPEN 1243: Oral Skills - II  
DPEN 1253: English Literature - II

### **Evaluation Criteria**

The students are evaluated through Continuous Assessment Tests and End Semester Examinations. The marks obtained in the continuous assessment tests will be incorporated to the final marks obtained for each subject according to the following proportion.

Continuous Assessment - 30%

End Semester Examination -70%

### **Attendance:**

The students are expected to attend a minimum of 80% of the study sessions conducted in each semester in order to be eligible to sit the End Semester Examination.

### **Fees:**

Course Fee: Rs: 25000.00

Registration Fee: Rs 200.00

Application Fee: Rs: 200.00

### **Contact Details:**

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