NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY WARANGAL

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCE

M.A. in ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE PROGRAMME

Admission Information Brochure for the Academic Year 2026–27

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR

I am glad that I have been given an opportunity to serve as the Director of National Institute of Technology (NIT) Warangal-the oldest one in the bracket of first 17 NITs. It is an honour and privilege for me to lead this prestigious institute which has a rich history of its distinction in teaching, research and service to the nation. It is the first regional engineering college whose foundation stone has been laid by the former prime minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the year 1959. Over a period of more than six decades, NIT Warangal has emerged as one of the leading institutions in engineering and technology. Warangal is the second largest city of the state of Telangana, Hyderabad being the first one which has several places of interest to visit. Some of the cultural heritages worth seeing in Warangal are Ramappa Temple, Bhadrakali Temple and thousand pillar temple.

NIT Warangal is poised to create an ambience for nurturing innovation, incubation, creativity and excellence within its faculty and students towards achieving the sustainable development goals. We emphasize on student centric education with interdisciplinary research and development for the benefit of Industry and Society. NIT Warangal becomes a preferred institution for top rankers in UG, PG and PhD programme because of its excellent teaching learning process, infrastructure that a student needs for effective learning. Our alumni have received distinguished recognitions in their chosen areas of profession and extend support towards sustainable development of the institute. I invite participation of all the stakeholders in the growth plan of the institute to steer it to the next level of success in all fronts.

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

In the evolving landscape of global communication, media, and education, the need for advanced proficiency in the English Language and Literature is paramount.

Recognising this, the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences offers a comprehensive, two-year, full-time M.A. in English Language and Literature.

Key Features

▶ **Duration:** 2 Years (4 Semesters)

▶ **Capacity:** 10 Students (Annual Intake)

▶ **Focus:** Core literature, critical theory, linguistics, and English Language Teaching (ELT).

LIFE ON CAMPUS

A Scintillating Journey

Life on campus, at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences is a journey through language, literature, culture, and critical inquiry.

Nestled within the premier ecosystem of NIT Warangal, the department offers a unique interdisciplinary environment where creative expression meets analytical excellence.

Established in 2009, we blend classical inquiry with contemporary global needs to form an industry-ready, socially relevant curriculum.

LABORATORIES

Language & Research Lab

Modern Infrastructure: State-of-the-art technological resources providing an immersive environment bridging theory and practice.

Cutting-edge Tools: Specialised software utilized for phonetics, stress, and intonation.

Skill Development: Intensive training in oral presentations and group discussions, creating confident communicators.

Research

With a thriving community of highly qualified faculty members and over 30 PhD Research Scholars, the atmosphere is one of constant academic exploration.

Department at a Glance:

- 09 Expert Educators
- 03 Dedicated Support Members
- 30+ PhD Researchers

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Multilingual Exposure

Beyond English, students can immerse themselves in foreign languages, catering to the globalised needs of today's professionals.

STEM Synergy

Through 'Professional Communication Skills for STEM', students interact with technical minds, fostering a truly holistic campus experience.

Holistic Growth

From literary debates to soft-skills workshops, life here is designed to make you successful on personal, academic, and professional fronts.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates must hold a Bachelor's degree from a recognized university/institution in any one of the following disciplines for admission into the M.A. Programme:

❖ B.A. in English/Sociology/Psychology/History/Political Science.

(OR)

❖ B.Sc. in Mathematics/Physics/Chemistry/Computer Science.

(OR)

❖ B.Com.

(OR)

❖ B.Tech./B.E. in any discipline, and must have studied English as a subject at the undergraduate level.

Category	Percentage / CGPA Requirement
GEN/GEN-EWS/ OBC-NCL	60% aggregate or 6.5 CGPA
SC / ST / PwD	55% aggregate or 6.0 CGPA

Note: The above mentioned CGPA/Percentage should be awarded by a recognized University/Institute. Only primary mode of evaluation (CGPA or percentage) as mentioned in the qualifying degree certificate/mark sheet shall be considered while verifying eligibility. All candidates irrespective of the category must appear for Written Test.

Admission is conducted on an all-India basis and follows a rigorous selection procedure based on academic merit, written test, and interview.

MODE OF SELECTION

Syllabus:

The written test would be based on the following areas:

- ❖ Section A: English Language & ELT
- ❖ Section B: Linguistics
- ❖ Section C: Literature

For detailed syllabus, you are required to read the annexure given at the end of this brochure.

All candidates irrespective of the category must appear for written test and personal interview.

Selection Criteria:

- ❖ The selection will be done based on merit by following GoI norms.
- ❖ If two or more candidates obtain the same marks, the aggregate percentage of marks they obtained at the qualifying degree examination, will be the criterion for selection of the candidate.
- ❖ In case of further tie, elder person by age will be given preference.

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLY

- Application form is to be submitted online which is available at: https://admissions.nitw.ac.in/ (Copy the above link and paste in the browser). All the necessary documents are to be uploaded online. The link to pay registration fee (Rs. 1,000/- for GEN/GEN-EWS/OBC-NCL applicants and Rs. 500/- for SC/ST/PwD applicants) is given in the candidates registered login page only.

- Other payments like mobile payments (IMPS), NEFT, RTGS and direct transfer will not be accepted. If paid by any chance, it will not be refunded. Do not use mobile applications to make the payment.

Note: The registration fee once paid will not be refunded under any circumstances.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 25, 2026

Application Deadline. Submit forms and National exam scores (if any).

May 28-29, 2026

Written Test & Interview

March 27, 2026

Application Window Opens online through the NIT Warangal website: https://www.nitw.ac.in/adm/

May 8, 2026

Announcement of Shortlisted Candidates for Written Test and Interview based on academic records.

June 5, 2026

List of Selected Candidates

Note: If there are any changes to the scheduled dates, they will be notified only on https://www.lf.nitw.ac.in/adm/

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

Residential Requirement: NIT Warangal is a residential Institute. All admitted M.A. students are required to stay on campus.

Strict Deadlines: The Institute will not make any allowances for delays. Incomplete applications or those received after the due date will not be considered.

Reservations & Policies: Reservations for GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, including PwD will be as per the norms of Government of India. Applicants must be Indian citizens.

Employee Admissions: Employees must produce a proper relief certificate to pursue the regular full-time M.A. degree.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **NIT Warangal is a fully residential Institute. All the MA (Self-Finance) students admitted to NIT Warangal are required to stay on campus.**

- **Candidates should note that the Institute will neither make any allowances for delays and irregularities in submitting applications.**

- **If the candidate cancels the seat, the application form fee will not be refunded, but the other fee will be refunded as per the Institute refund rules.**

- **In case, the result of qualifying degree is awaited, provisional admission is permitted to a candidate subject to meeting above minimum qualifying degree requirements latest by September 30, 2026. In these cases, all examinations should have been completed by August 15, 2026. A certificate from the Head of the current institute to that effect should be submitted during document verification.**

- **No employee shall be admitted as a regular full-time student of any full-time Postgraduate course, unless he/she is relieved of his/her duties by his/her employer and unless a proper relief certificate for pursuing M.A. Degree is produced to that effect.**

- **The short-listed candidates' list will be notified on the Institute website and no separate call letters shall be sent to the candidates.**

- **If any candidate is admitted due to any discrepancies in the processing of the application, the Institute reserves the right to cancel the seat before admission is made final, without payment of any compensation for the inconvenience caused.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- If it is found that any of the applicants admitted to the Institute has either furnished wrong information or tampered with the records, his/her admission is liable to be cancelled at any stage.
- The Institute reserves the right to cancel the admission of any candidate at any stage (even after admission) if any discrepancy is found (or) on the basis of adverse remarks in the Conduct Certificate.
- The PwD candidates will be required to undergo the medical examination by the medical board constituted by NIT Warangal at the time of physical reporting as per schedule mentioned on the NIT Warangal website. Based on medical examination, if the medical board finds the candidate ineligible for PwD category at that time, her/his seat will be cancelled.
- Wherever ambiguities arise in the interpretation of Admission Rules, the decision of the Director of NIT Warangal on the matter shall be final.
- The Director is authorized to take appropriate decisions with regard to any other details of admission not covered by the rules listed above.
- Any legal dispute arising out of this admissions notification is subject to the Courts having jurisdiction over Warangal, Telangana.
- The decision of the Institute in all matters will be final and binding on all the applicants who respond to this admissions notification. No interim correspondence or unsolicited query will be entertained from the applicants in connection with the process of scrutiny/selection including reasons for not being shortlisted for written test/interview.

CENTRALIZED ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

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Ready to Apply?

The short-listed candidates will be notified on the Institute website.

NIT Warangal MA ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

Syllabus

English Language • Linguistics • Literature

This document sets out the official syllabus for the MA Entrance Examination in English Language and Literature. The examination is designed to assess candidates across three integrated domains — English Language & ELT, Linguistics, and Literature — through objective-type questions. The framework emphasizes conceptual understanding, textual interpretation, and applied language knowledge. Questions are designed to assess a range of cognitive levels — from factual recall to application and interpretation.

Section A: English Language & ELT

This section evaluates candidates' command of English as a language system and their foundational understanding of English Language Teaching (ELT). Questions will range from grammar and vocabulary to reading skills and key principles of second language pedagogy.

Core Areas

- Functional grammar, vocabulary, and language use
- Reading comprehension and interpretation
- Foundational concepts in English Language Teaching (ELT)

Suggested Topics

Grammar & Usage

- Parts of speech and their grammatical functions
- Tenses: form, function, and contextual appropriateness
- Subject–verb agreement (including complex cases)
- Active and passive voice transformations
- Reported speech: statements, questions, and commands
- Sentence correction and error identification

Vocabulary

- Synonyms and antonyms
- Idioms and fixed expressions
- Phrasal verbs and their meanings in context
- Word formation: prefixes, suffixes, compounding

Reading Skills

- Passage-based comprehension questions
- Drawing inferences and identifying implied meaning
- Identifying tone, attitude, and authorial stance
- Vocabulary in context (meaning from surrounding text)

ELT Fundamentals

Candidates should have a working familiarity with the following ELT topics:

- **Language Teaching Methods:** Grammar Translation Method, Direct Method, Audio-Lingual Method, Communicative Language Teaching (CLT)
- **Second Language Acquisition:** Basic principles, input and output hypothesis, affective filter
- **Classroom Practices:** Learner-centred approaches, task-based learning, error correction strategies

Recommended References

1. **Wren & Martin –** High School English Grammar and Composition
2. **Norman Lewis –** Word Power Made Easy
3. **Michael McCarthy & Felicity O'Dell –** English Vocabulary in Use
4. **Diane Larsen-Freeman –** Techniques and Principles in Language Teaching

Section B: Linguistics

This section tests candidates' knowledge of the scientific study of language. Questions will cover the core branches of theoretical and applied linguistics, focusing on language structure, meaning, and social function.

Core Areas

- Structure, function, and use of language
- Foundational concepts in theoretical linguistics
- Applied and socio-linguistic perspectives

Suggested Topics

Phonetics & Phonology

- Classification of speech sounds: vowels and consonants
- Phonemic distinctions and minimal pairs
- Introduction to the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)
- Syllable structure and stress patterns

Morphology

- Morphemes: free and bound, lexical and grammatical
- Word formation processes: derivation, inflection, compounding, conversion

Syntax

- Sentence structure: simple, compound, complex
- Phrase structure and constituency
- Basic grammatical relations: subject, object, predicate

Semantics & Pragmatics

- Types of meaning: conceptual, connotative, thematic
- Sense relations: synonymy, antonymy, hyponymy
- Context and meaning; deixis and reference
- Speech acts: illocutionary force and performatives
- Grice's Cooperative Principle and conversational implicature

Sociolinguistics

- Language variation: dialects, registers, and styles
- Multilingualism: code-switching, diglossia, pidgins and creoles
- Language attitudes, prestige, and identity
- Language and gender; language and power

Recommended References

5. **Victoria Fromkin, Robert Rodman & Nina Hyams –** An Introduction to Language
6. **George Yule –** The Study of Language
7. **Peter Trudgill –** Sociolinguistics: An Introduction to Language and Society
8. **Harold T. Edwards –** Linguistics for Beginners

Section C: Literature

This section evaluates candidates' awareness of major literary traditions, canonical texts, and critical concepts. Questions will test recognition of authors and works, understanding of literary terms, and ability to interpret passages and poems. The focus is on broad cultural literacy combined with close reading skills.

Core Areas

- Major literary forms, genres, and historical periods
- Familiarity with canonical authors and representative texts
- Textual interpretation and critical understanding

1. British Literature (General Awareness)

- **William Shakespeare** — Hamlet, Macbeth
- **William Wordsworth** — Tintern Abbey, The Prelude (selected passages)
- **Charles Dickens** — Great Expectations

2. Indian Writing in English

- **R. K. Narayan** — Malgudi Days
- **Mulk Raj Anand** — Untouchable
- **Arundhati Roy** — The God of Small Things

3. World Literature (Basic Awareness)

- **George Orwell** — Animal Farm, Nineteen Eighty-Four
- **Ernest Hemingway** — The Old Man and the Sea

4. Literary Terms & Interpretation

Figures of Speech

- Metaphor, simile, personification, and hyperbole
- Irony (verbal, situational, dramatic), paradox, oxymoron
- Symbolism, allegory, and allusion

Narrative Elements

- Theme, motif, and moral
- Plot structure: exposition, rising action, climax, denouement
- Character types: protagonist, antagonist, foil
- Point of view: first-person, third-person limited/omniscient, unreliable narrator

Poetry & Passage-Based Questions

- Verse forms: sonnet, ode, elegy, blank verse
- Prosody: metre, rhythm, rhyme scheme
- Close reading: tone, imagery, diction, and structure
- Unseen passage and poem interpretation

Recommended References

9. **Edward Albert –** A History of English Literature
10. **Peter Barry –** Beginning Theory: An Introduction to Literary and Cultural Theory
11. **M. H. Abrams & Geoffrey Harpham –** A Glossary of Literary Terms
12. **Jonathan Bate & Eric Rasmussen (eds.) –** The RSC Shakespeare (complete works) — for contextual reading