

# Navoi State University – Foreign Language and Literature (English Language and Literature)

**Program Duration:** 2 years

**Mode of Study:** Full-time

**Program Code:** 70110901

**Total Workload:** 120 ECTS credits

**ECTS credits per semester:** 30

## Overview

The Master's degree program in **Foreign Language and Literature (English Language and Literature)** (Program Code: 70110901) at Navoi State University is a two-year, full-time academic program comprising a total workload of 120 ECTS credits (30 ECTS per semester). The program is designed to prepare highly qualified Anglistics scholars, applied linguists, literary critics, ELT (English Language Teaching) specialists, translation research scholars, and higher education academic staff equipped with advanced knowledge in theoretical and cognitive linguistics, British and American literary history, comparative philology, textology, and cutting-edge language pedagogy (TESOL/TEFL).

The curriculum integrates deep theoretical studies in English syntax, discourse analysis, pragmatics, sociolinguistics, world Anglophone literature, and comparative literary studies with modern educational technologies, corpus linguistics, and digital humanities applications. Students gain expertise in linguistic research design, cross-cultural communication, curriculum design, translation criticism, and educational assessment frameworks (CEFR, IELTS, TOEFL). The program places strong emphasis on elevating English language education standards in Uzbekistan, fostering international academic collaboration, and advancing research-informed instructional methodologies in university environments.

Graduates of this program are fully equipped to pursue careers as university lecturers, foreign language research scholars, literary editors, international relations specialists, translation consultants, and curriculum developers, as well as to continue their studies at the doctoral (PhD) level.

## Assessment

A comprehensive and multi-component assessment system is applied in the Master's program in Foreign Language and Literature (English Language and Literature) to ensure continuous learning, scientific rigor, analytical competence, and advanced pedagogical proficiency.

### 1. Course-based assessment

- **Presentations and seminars** – assess students' ability to analyze, present, and defend linguistic and literary research, theoretical grammar frameworks, poetic structures, and critical essays in academic English.

- **Mini-tests, quizzes, and oral exams** – monitor understanding of core theoretical concepts, phonology, syntax, literary genre theory, discourse analysis, and language acquisition principles.
  - **Midterm and final examinations** – evaluate theoretical depth, text interpretation capabilities, and linguistic/literary problem-solving through written examinations and essay analyses.
  - **Portfolio assignments** – compile textual commentary samples, corpus research logs, university lesson plans, literary critiques, and research paper drafts demonstrating progressive skill development.
  - **Independent assignments** – encourage independent philological research, linguistic corpus data processing, comparative text analysis, translation criticism, and literature reviews.
2. **Research-based assessment**
- **Scientific Research Work (ITI)** – evaluated through research proposals, linguistic/literary data collection reports, discourse analysis progress reviews, and defense of research outcomes before the department.
  - **Scientific and Pedagogical Work (IPI)** – evaluated via university teaching practice, preparation of English lecture materials, seminar plans, instructional guides, and academic reporting.
  - **Master’s Thesis (MD/M)** – evaluated based on scientific originality, textual and philological accuracy, methodological rigor, academic writing quality in English, and public defense before the State Attestation Commission.
3. **Practice-based assessment**
- **Educational and Pedagogical Practice** – evaluated through performance in higher education institutions, international educational centers, research departments, and translation bureaus, accompanied by comprehensive practice reports.
  - **Pre-graduation practice** – assessed on the integration of theoretical/empirical English philological research findings and final thesis preparation.
4. **Work-integrated learning**
- **Applied Linguistics & Educational Design Projects** – assessed on analytical precision, stylistic fluency, pedagogical effectiveness, and alignment with international language framework standards.

## Academic Requirements

**Admission Requirements**—Applicants applying for the Master’s degree program in Foreign Language and Literature (English Language and Literature) (Code: 70110901) must satisfy the following criteria:

- **Educational background** – A Bachelor’s degree (or equivalent qualification) in foreign language and literature (English), English philology, translation studies, foreign language education, or related humanities fields from a recognized higher education institution.
- **Academic excellence** – Applicants holding an honors diploma (*imtiyozli diplom*) are eligible for preferential admission according to current regulations of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
- **Language proficiency** – A valid national or international certificate demonstrating at least C1-level foreign language proficiency in English (CEFR C1, IELTS 7.0+, TOEFL iBT 95+, or equivalent national certificate) in accordance with state regulations for English specialization programs.

## Graduation Requirements

To be granted the Master of Arts degree in Foreign Language and Literature (English Language and Literature), students are required to:

- Complete all compulsory and elective modules specified in the curriculum, accumulating a total of **120 ECTS credits** (30 ECTS per semester).
- Maintain standard academic standing according to Navoi State University regulations (passing marks in all subjects).
- Successfully complete all practical trainings (teaching internship, research practice, and pre-graduation practice) with positive performance evaluations.
- Fulfill all research requirements (Scientific Research Work and Scientific-Pedagogical Work).
- Prepare, submit, and successfully defend a **Master's Thesis** written in academic English demonstrating independent research before the State Attestation Commission.
- Pass all required state attestation processes.

## Courses Offered

### Year 1

#### Compulsory:

- Research Methodology and Academic Writing in English Philology
- Reforms in the Education System under the Development Strategy of New Uzbekistan
- Theoretical Foundations and Modern Paradigms of English Linguistics
- History, Hermeneutics, and Poetics of British and American Literature
- Methodology of Teaching English Language and Literature in Higher Education

#### Elective:

- Sociolinguistics, Pragmatics, and Intercultural Communication in Anglophone Contexts
- Discourse Analysis and Stylistics of Modern English
- Digital Humanities, Corpus Linguistics, and NLP Tools for English Language
- Regulatory Documents, CEFR Standards, and Assessment Quality in ELT
- Cognitive Linguistics and Psycholinguistics in Second Language Acquisition

### Year 2

#### Compulsory:

- Comparative Typology of English and Uzbek Languages and Literatures
- World Literature in English and Post-Colonial Anglophone Studies
- Literary Criticism, Aesthetics, and Contemporary Literary Theory

#### Elective:

- Theory and Practice of Literary and Specialized Translation (English-Uzbek / Uzbek-English)
- Curriculum Design, Syllabus Development, and Materials Evaluation in ELT
- Ethnolinguistics, Linguoculturology, and Onomastics in English Studies
- Professional Morality and Ethics in Academic and Research Activity
- Media Discourse Analysis, PR, and Copywriting in International Contexts
- Globalization, Language Policy, and English as a Lingua Franca (ELF)

- Design of Digital Educational Resources and E-Learning Platforms for Language Learning

## Career Opportunities

Graduates of the Master's degree program in Foreign Language and Literature (English Language and Literature) acquire high-level analytical, linguistic, research, translation, and pedagogical capabilities, enabling them to pursue careers across educational, research, international, publishing, and diplomatic sectors:

- **University Lecturer / Assistant Professor of English** in higher education institutions, state universities, specialized language institutes, and international academic branches.
- **Linguistic & Literary Research Scholar** in research institutes, scientific laboratories, and international philological research centers.
- **International Relations & Intercultural Specialist** in government ministries, diplomatic missions, embassies, and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs).
- **Literary Editor / Academic Proofreader** in international publishing houses, academic journals, global media networks, and digital publishing companies.
- **Translation Specialist & Interpreter** managing complex literary, scientific, diplomatic, and commercial translation projects between English, Uzbek, and Russian.
- **Curriculum Developer / ELT Assessment Specialist** working in national test centers, educational development boards, and international testing organizations (British Council, ETS, Cambridge Assessment).
- **Press Officer / Corporate Communications Manager** in multinational corporations, joint ventures, international agencies, and public relations firms.
- **Head of Language Center / Academic Director** leading private language academies, international education centers, and teacher professional development hubs.

## Tuition Fees

- **For local students:** Approximate annual tuition – 9,700,000 UZS.
- **For international students:** Approximate annual tuition – 774.28 USD.

*(Note: Tuition fees are subject to adjustment in accordance with university policy and foreign currency exchange rates.)*

## Learning Outcomes

### Master's Degree in Foreign Language and Literature (English Language and Literature)

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

#### 1. Knowledge

- **1.1.** Demonstrate advanced knowledge of theoretical grammar, phonology, syntax, semantics, pragmatics, and historical evolution of the English language.
- **1.2.** Understand major literary movements, poetics, hermeneutics, genres, and critical theories across British, American, and World Anglophone literatures.
- **1.3.** Explain concepts in corpus linguistics, computational analysis, comparative typology (English/Uzbek), and English as a Lingua Franca (ELF).

- **1.4.** Demonstrate knowledge of higher-education ELT methodology, task-based language teaching, CEFR assessment design, and second language acquisition (SLA) theories.
- **1.5.** Recognize international educational standards, quality assurance frameworks, copyright laws, and national educational reform strategies in Uzbekistan.

## 2. Skills

- **2.1.** Perform deep theoretical, structural, stylistic, and discourse analyses of complex classical and contemporary English literary and linguistic texts.
- **2.2.** Apply digital corpus software, text analysis platforms, and NLP tools to conduct advanced lexicographic, pragmatic, and literary research.
- **2.3.** Design and deliver university-level English courses, lecture series, seminar workshops, and CEFR-aligned assessment tasks.
- **2.4.** Translate, edit, and proofread complex scientific articles, literary works, legal-diplomatic documents, and educational materials into fluent academic English.
- **2.5.** Prepare scholarly research papers, critical literature reviews, academic monographs, and publishable research theses in English.
- **2.6.** Effectively present philological research findings, curriculum frameworks, and language strategies to academic boards, international conferences, and public forums in English, Uzbek, and Russian.

## 3. Competences

- **3.1. Philological & Research Competence** – Conduct independent, scientifically grounded, and internationally benchmarked research in English linguistics, Anglophone literature, and applied language studies.
- **3.2. Academic Leadership & Quality Competence** – Direct university language departments, manage ELT curriculum projects, and lead language assessment and quality assurance teams.
- **3.3. Methodological & Higher Education Competence** – Teach English language, literature, and linguistics at higher education levels using communicative, reflective, and technology-enhanced pedagogical methods.
- **3.4. Intercultural & Translational Competence** – Facilitate high-level cross-cultural dialogue, guide literary and specialized translations, and foster international academic networks.
- **3.5. Professional Ethics & Academic Integrity** – Uphold rigorous standards of academic honesty, intellectual property ethics, respect for cultural diversity, and global scholarly standards.
- **3.6. Lifelong Learning Competence** – Continuously expand philological expertise, adopt emerging educational technologies, and actively participate in national and international research networks, conferences, and TEFL/TESOL associations.