

MA Theses & PhD Dissertations

Department of English, College of Arts,
University of Mosul
(2024-25)



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The College of Arts was one of the first colleges to be opened at the University of Mosul. It was opened officially in 1966. The aim of its opening was to achieve the objectives of higher education by preparing students to be researchers and specialists in the humanities.

Vision:

Global leadership and academic excellence through our knowledge, culture, and values in linguistic, philosophical, social, media, and digital studies.

Mission:

Preserving our culture, values, and identity is the foundation of our commitment to education, learning, scientific research, and community service.

Our college strives to develop fundamental and advanced academic programs in various humanities disciplines according to globally and regionally recognized standards.

This contributes to preparing competent graduates who can support their communities in linguistic, philosophical, social, media, and digital fields.

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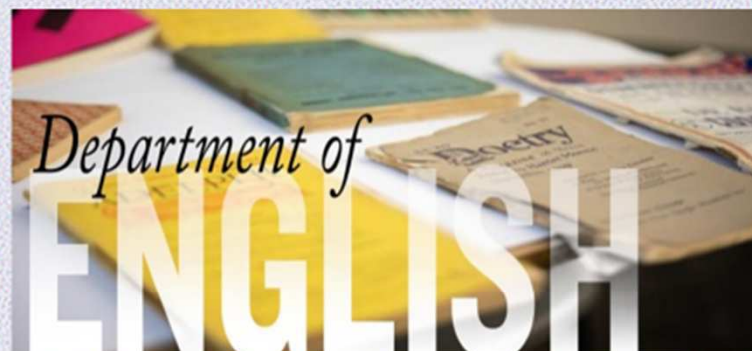
Historical Background

The Department of English in College of Arts, University of Mosul was established in 1969, and the department seeks to prepare students who are competent in the field of English Language and English Literature.

Degrees Available

The department of English provides different degrees like Bachelor in English Language, Master of Arts in English Language and Linguistics, Master of Arts in English Literature and Doctorate in Linguistics:

- B. A. English Language
- M. A. English Language & Linguistics
- M. A. English Literature
- PHD Linguistics



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Aims:

This thesis aims to identify the causes, motives, implications, risks, and consequences of migration for individuals who fled their countries due to political unrest, violence against women, and economic depression.

Thus, they escaped in search of new lands where they could live in peace-lands better than their homelands, which had subjected them to colonization and famine.

Master's Thesis – English Literature

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Master's Thesis – English Literature

Master's thesis defense in the Department of English for the student (**Safaa Raad Qasim Al-Omari**) entitled:

(Challenging Assimilation and Cultural Interaction in Jhumpa Lahiri, NoViolet Bulawayo, and Lisa Ko: A Study in Selected Novels)





Aims:

The thesis aims to highlight the strength of indigenous women in resisting the dual western oppression that undermines their social status, by analyzing three novels written by non-Western female authors from three different cultures.

The cultural diversity of the selected novels reflects a shared goal: resisting the stereotypical and hegemonic mindset of the West.

Master's Thesis – English Literature

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Master's Thesis – English Literature

A master's thesis was discussed in the Department of English for the student **Maha Ahmed Jameel Al-Mallah**, titled:

"The Other Can Speak Loud and Write Back: A Study in Selected Novels."



Date: September 3, 2024

Location: Ibn Al-Atheer Hall, College of Arts

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Aims:

The thesis aims to identify the factors that influence the writing performance of second-year students from the College of Arts and the College of Education for Humanities.

This is achieved by comparing and analyzing factors such as students' motivation to learn English through writing and the impact of their mother tongue on English as a foreign language.

Master's Thesis – Linguistics

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Date: September 4, 2024

Location: Ibn Al-Atheer Hall, College of Arts

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Master's Thesis – Linguistics

Master's Thesis Defense in the Department of English for the student **Rana Muzahim Aziz** on the topic:

"An Examination of Factors Influencing Writing Performance among Iraqi University EFL Learners: A Mixed Methods Study".





Aims:

The current study aims to investigate the pragmatic information presented in the content of textbook conversations designed for learners of English as a foreign language.

In addition, it examines the possible relationship between this content and the students' pragmatic performance.

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Date: September 8, 2024

Location: Al-Salam Hall, College of Arts

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PhD Thesis - Linguistics

PhD Dissertation Defense in the Department of English for the student (**Thikra Salim Qasim**) on the topic:

"The Impact of the Content of Conversation Textbooks on Enhancing Undergraduate Iraqi EFL Learners' Pragmatic Competence."





Aims:

This thesis aims to explore the diversity of historical-biographical, political, social, and cultural contexts that played a central role in the writing of the selected novels, in which migration and integration challenges are key themes.

Through a literary analysis of the texts, the study investigates the authors' responses to these contexts and how they are reflected in the literary works by uncovering the ways in which the themes of migration and integration were employed as reflections of these underlying contexts.

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Master's Thesis – English Literature

Master's Thesis Defense in the Department of English for the student **Fahad Jasim Mohammed** on the topic:

"Immigration and the Problems of Assimilation in Global South Diaspora: A New Historicist Study of Selected Novels."





Aims:

The study aims to explore the capacity of images to convey illocutionary acts independently of verbal elements, as well as to examine the alignment between speech acts and visual representation.

Moreover, the study investigates and compares the impact of audiovisual context on students' pragmatic competence.

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PhD Dissertation Defense in
the Department of English for
the student **Saad Basim
Dhanoon** on the topic:

"A Pragmatic Analysis of
Audiovisual Context in Iraqi
EFL Textbooks and its Impact
on Students' Pragmatic
Competence."





Aims:

The study aimed to analyze the texts and images in the English language series "English for Iraq" related to environmental awareness (both verbal and visual samples), using various linguistic tools.

The study identified 12 environmental issues linked to environmental awareness across different educational levels.

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Date: September 19, 2024

Location: Al-Salam Hall, College of Arts

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Master's Thesis – Linguistics

Master's Thesis Defense in the Department of English for the student **Nawar Majid Hameed** on the topic:

"Environmental Awareness in English Textbooks for Iraqis at Pre-University Level: An Ecolinguistic Approach."





Aims:

The study aims to answer questions related to the common types of cyberbullying practiced by university students, as well as to examine whether there are cultural or global differences in bullying styles.

The study hypothesizes that common forms of verbal bullying include gossiping, cursing, intimidation, threats, the use of hostile nicknames, and verbal abuse or defamation. It also suggests that the nature of bullying discourse depends on cultural context—whether within single-gender or mixed-gender settings.

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Date: September 30, 2024

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PhD Thesis - Linguistics

PhD Dissertation Defense in the Department of English for the student **Afrah Abdelkader Jassim** on the topic:

"A Critical Discourse Approach to Analyzing Social Media Bullying Among Iraqi University Students."





Aims:

The study aims to focus on the challenges faced by women from the perspective of female poets, and how mythology is transformed into a poetic tool that contributes to advocating for women's rights.

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Date: October 3, 2024

Location: Al-Salam Hall, College of Arts

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Master's Thesis – English Literature

Master's Thesis Defense in the Department of English for the student **Ghaith Saleh Mahdi** on the topic:

"Revisiting the Myths of the Ancestors: Mythmaking in the Poetry of Selected Postmodern Women's Poets."





Aims:

The study aims to uncover the techniques used in graduation speeches and to investigate the types of stances reflected through these techniques.

It also seeks to examine how audiences respond to these speeches and whether their responses align with the intended purpose of the speeches, given that graduation speeches can have a lasting and profound impact on the audience.

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Location: Ibn Al-Atheer Hall, College of Arts

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PhD Dissertation – Linguistics

PhD Dissertation Defense in the Department of English for the student **Iman Nasser Yousif** on the topic:

"A Critical Discoursal Analysis of Selected Motivational Commencement Speeches."





Aims:

The dissertation explored the functions of metaphor and metonymy in Arabic elegiac poetry from a cognitive-pragmatic perspective.

It aimed to investigate how poets employ metaphor and metonymy as cognitive-pragmatic tools to highlight specific meanings or imagery associated with elegy in Arabic discourse.

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Date: November 28, 2024

Location: Al-Salam Hall, College of Arts

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PhD Dissertation – Linguistics

PhD Dissertation Defense in
the Department of English for
the student Alaa Salahuddin
Aziz on the topic:

"Metaphor and Metonymy in
Arabic Elegiac-Poetry
Discourse: A Pragma-Cognitive
Study."





Aims:

The study examined the ideological use of othering by politicians and clarified its intended purpose.

It also aimed to present the various strategies through which othering is employed and to highlight the role this process plays in shaping ideology among the audience.

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Master's Thesis Defense in
the Department of English for
the student Ibrahim Khalaf
Mutlak on the topic:

"Nominalization in Political
TV Interviews: A Discoursal
Analysis."

Date: December 30, 2024

Location: Ibn Al-Atheer Hall, College of Arts

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Aims:

The study aimed to investigate how Iraqi female novelists position themselves-based on their gendered ideological backgrounds-within specific structural, functional, and contextual frameworks in personal narratives written online, engaging with global themes of tragedy and success.

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Date: January 27, 2025

Location: Ibn Al-Atheer Hall, College of Arts

Activity Link:

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Master's Thesis – Linguistics

Master's Thesis Defense in the Department of English for the student Inas Ismail Fathi on the topic:

"Gender Ideology and Identity in Women's Narratives in Social Media Discourse."





Aims:

The thesis addressed what is known as Spatial Art (SPA), focusing on murals and their thematic and semiotic analysis.

The study aimed to provide a thematic and semiotic analysis of mural art in the cities of Mosul and Erbil.

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Master's Thesis Defense in the Department of English for the student **Shamal Shaker Tahir** on the topic:

"Murals Transform Communities: Artists' Murals in Mosul and Erbil – A Thematic-Semiotic Approach."

Date: January 28, 2025

Location: Ibn Al-Atheer Hall, College of Arts

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Aims:

This study aims to reveal the specific behavior of this category of sounds and how they function in comparison to other sounds, such as labial and pharyngeal sounds, with reference to the English language.

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Date: February 6, 2025

Location: Ibn Al-Atheer Hall, College of Arts

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Master's Thesis Defense in
the Department of English for
the student **Waleed Ahmed
Salih** on the topic:

"The Phonology of Coronal
Sounds in Arabic with
Reference to English."





Aims:

This study aims to examine the dramatic literature of playwright Caryl Churchill through the lens of influence theory, drawing on the conceptual framework of Brian Massumi.

By focusing on six of her most frequently staged plays, the study explores the impact these works generate and how they manipulate form and content to deeply and emotionally engage the audience.

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Master's Thesis Defense in the Department of English for the student **Raghad Jama'l Mutea** on the topic:

"Reading Affect in Caryl Churchill's Plays: Technology and the Power Dynamics."

Date: February 23, 2025

Location: Ibn Al-Atheer Hall, College of Arts

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Aims:

The study examined the structure of informal (colloquial) conversations among family members and relatives in the Bahdini Kurdish dialect.

It also aimed to identify the patterns of conversation and the strategies used during communication in the Bahdini Kurdish dialect.

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Master's Thesis – Linguistics

Master's Thesis Defense in the Department of English for the student **Izzat Khadr Hussein** on the topic:

"A Study of the Conversation Structure of Kurdish with Reference to English."





Aims:

The study explored the design of a curriculum aimed at developing the ability to understand humor among Iraqi children with level-one autism.

The goal of the study is to enhance pragmatic competence by integrating four theories to create an audiovisual-based curriculum. The sample is considered the first of its kind in the Department of English.

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Location: Ibn Al-Atheer Hall, College of Arts

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PhD Dissertation – Linguistics

PhD Dissertation Defense in the Department of English for the student **Dunia Ali Hussein** on the topic:

"Designing a Syllabus for Developing the Pragmatic Competence of Iraqi Autism Spectrum Disorder Children: A Focus on Humour."





Aims:

The study submitted by the student Shatha Hazem Saadallah in the Department of English aims to review the multimodal approach and investigate the pragmatic functions of textual and visual warnings.

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Date: February 27, 2025

Location: Hall of the College of Physical Education and Sports Sciences

Activity Link:

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PhD Dissertation – Linguistics

PhD Dissertation Defense in the Department of English for the student **Shatha Salim Saadallah** on the topic:

"Strategies of Representing Health Warning: A Multi-modal Pragmatic Study."





Aims:

The thesis submitted by the student Surur Kana'an wali in the Department of English aimed to provide a detailed analysis of the role of dark humor in political discourse and communication.

It examines the linguistic tools used to construct dark humor, such as irony, mockery, and sarcasm.

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Date: February 27, 2024

Location: Graduate Studies Library Hall, College of Arts

Activity Link:

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Master's Thesis – Linguistics

Master's Thesis Defense in the Department of English for the student **Sarour Kanaan Wali Ahmed** on the topic:

"A Pragmatic Approach to Black Humor in English Political Interviews."





Aims:

The study aims to investigate the use of politeness principles among university students and to examine the extent to which age and gender influence the application of politeness rules within the educational environment—specifically among first- and fourth-year male and female students.

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Master's Thesis Defense in the Department of English for the student **Aseel Tahseen Jamal** on the topic:

"Gender, Age, and Politeness in University Interaction: A Sociolinguistic Study."

Date: March 13, 2025

Location: Ibn Al-Atheer Hall, College of Arts

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Aims:

This dissertation aims to explore how medical poetry can be employed as a means of psychological and physical healing by examining the works of a select group of physician-poets.

It analyzes the aesthetic, intellectual, and humanistic dimensions of their poetry to uncover the relationship between poetic art and medical practice, and how poetic expression can contribute to alleviating pain, fostering empathy, and bridging the gap between medicine and humanity.

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Date: April 9, 2025

Location: Kazem Al-Jawad Hall, University of Baghdad

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PhD Dissertation – English Literature

PhD Dissertation Defense in the Department of English for the student **Zainab Laith Abduljabbar** on the topic:

"Medical Poetry as a Model of Healing: A Study of a Selection of Physician-Poets."

