

# Deanship of Academic Research and Graduate Studies

The Deanship of Research and Graduate Studies offers two master's degrees:

1. Master of Arts in English Language and Literature
2. Master of Computer Science

The first cohorts of students were admitted into the programs in the first semester of 2005/2006. Philadelphia University (PU) was the first private university to offer such programs.

Research activities at PU started in 1995, when by-laws regulating and encouraging academic research were enacted. In 2004/2005 all academic departments were asked to submit proposals for graduate study programs, and the annual budget for research was raised to more than JD 500,000. Now that graduate programs have been established, research is expected to flourish. The programs are also expected to have a positive impact on the whole process of teaching and research at the university.

We plan to have high-quality graduate programs. Emphasis will be laid on academic research by encouraging students to choose the thesis-based track instead of the comprehensive examination chosen by some students. The study plans are designed to meet the evolving demands of the different sectors of the community.



# M.A Degree in English Language and Literature

This program is meant to train students to get their M.A degree in English language and literature.

1. Supporting the local and regional market with highly qualified graduates in English language and literature .
2. Encouraging scientific research through supervising theses, and research projects.
3. Increasing the opportunities for students to continue their further studies.
5. Covering the increasingly urgent need of educators and researchers in English language and literature.
6. Participating in the growth of local community.

## Faculty Members

The master's program will be run by full-time, highly qualified members of staff. They are all heavily involved in academic research and are recognized internationally in their fields. If the need arises, qualified part-timers will also be employed to cover all aspects of the program.



## Labs and Other Facilities

Well-equipped language labs are available for the use of students. They can go there regularly or when the need arises to practice their English or to watch plays and films relevant to their field of study. Regular classes take place in well-furnished conference rooms in the part of the building reserved for the Faculty of Arts. The university's main Library is stocked with the latest references, books, and journals in English Language and Literature. Students also have access to the Internet and to the electronic databases the Library has.

## Study System

The study plan consists of 33 credit hours for the M.A. degree. The thesis option study plan is divided into 15 credit hour compulsory courses, 9 credit hour elective courses, and 9 credit hour thesis. The comprehensive exam option study plan consists of 15 credit hour compulsory courses, and 18 credit hour elective courses.

- The academic year is divided into two obligatory semesters:

- Fall : Beginning of October – End of January
- Spring : Beginning of February – End of June

There is also the Summer optional session :

- Beginning of July – End of August.

The maximum number of credit hours the student can register in each semester is as follows:

- Fall and Spring : (12) twelve credit hours each .
- Summer : 6 credit hours