

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad

Syllabus of Semester – I of the following departments under Faculty of Arts based on UnderGraduate Curriculum Framework - 2023 to be implemented from the Academic Year 2023-24.

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

BA English Semester 1 Syllabus

Skill Enhancement Course - 1: Advanced Language and Critical Thinking Skills

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course Title & Code	Credit Distribution of The Course			Eligibility Criteria	Pre-requisite(s) of the Course (if any)
	Lecture	Tutorial	Practical / Practice		
Advanced Language and Critical Thinking Skills	2	0	0	10 + 2 from a recognized board in any stream	Nil

Learning Objectives

This ability enhancement course aims at:

- Facilitating an environment of exploration of advanced language and critical thinking skills using English.
- Equipping learners with critical reading strategies for articulate expression.
- Equipping learners with deeper knowledge of text analysis for effective interpretation.
- Providing meaningful interaction with advanced English input to facilitate academic dialogue within English literary discourse and beyond.

Learning Outcomes

- Read and analyze advanced level texts of English
- Conduct syntax focused analysis of texts of English
- Learn and use vocabulary for academic purposes
- Learn and practice language for exploring moderately dense and abstract discourse
- Learn and practice language of academia and public academic discourse

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Unit 1: Critical Thinking and Academic Discourse

- Academic discourse and its role in English studies
- Role of Critical Thinking in Discourse
- Critical Reading Skills
- Practice Tasks on text analysis, Coherence, Cohesion

Unit 2: Academic Writing Skills

- Expository Essay
- Summary-Response Essay
- Argumentative Essay

Facilitator may reduce or increase the types of content covered and tasks executed covered based on availability of time and needs of the learners.

Essential Readings:

Study *Reading by* Eric H. Glendinning and Beverly Holmstrom (CUP) (*Selections*)
Longman Writing Series 5 by Alan Myers (*Selections* from Chapter 1, 7,8)
The Miniature Guide to Critical Thinking by Linda Elder and Richard Paul
(*Selections*)