Department of English Language and Literature

Graduate School Sungshin Univ.



Sungshin Women's University's Department of English Language and Literature offers an intellectually stimulating environment for graduate students, who aspire to deepen their understanding of English language and literature in a competitive academic setting of excellence and innovation.

Our program is distinguished by its rigorous curriculum which encompasses a wide range of subjects, from British and American literature to linguistic studies and applied linguistics, and studies in English education. The courses cater to a diverse array of academic interests and career aspirations, enabling our students to tailor their educational journey according to their individual goals.

Our department focuses on critical thinking, analytical skills, and an appreciation for the intricacies of language and narrative. Our faculty members are dedicated to guiding students through an exploration of literary works, linguistic theories, cultural studies, and studies in English education. Students are encouraged to embark on scholarly inquiries, guided by their academic interests and professional objectives. The department encourages students to present their research at conferences, by contributing to the vibrant intellectual community both within and beyond the university.

Enhancement of Language Proficiency: Improve English language skills to excel in literary interpretation and expression.

Critical Thinking Skills: Develop the ability to critically analyze and interpret literary works from diverse perspectives.

Promotion of Cultural Understanding: Expand academic and cultural understanding through English literature.

Fostering Creativity and Expression: Elevate students' creativity and enhance effective expression abilities.

Specialization in Education: Strengthen expertise in a specific field.

Reinforcement of Linguistic Understanding: Emphasize a deep understanding of language through linguistic knowledge.

Language Education and Learning Strategies: Develop effective education strategies based on linguistic theory.

Department Introduction & History

Department's
Educational goal &
Specialization
Objectives

FACULTY	MAJOR	RESEARCH INTERESTS	E-MAIL & OFFICE PHONE
Ewha Chung	English Literature and Media & Literature Studies	English Literature, Media & Literature Studies, Comparative Literature, Literature & Cultural Conflict	ewchung @sungshin.ac.kr 02-920-7484
Jungmin Ko	English Education and Applied Linguistics	English Education, Interaction, Conversation Analysis(CA)	jmko @sungshin.ac.kr 02-920-7594
Hyeyurn Chung	American Literature and Cultural Studies	American literature, Gender studies, Critical race theory, Transnationalism, Genre fiction studies	chunghy1 @sungshin.ac.kr 02-920-7094
Tae-Jin Yoon	Phonetics, Phonology, Computational Linguistics	Computerized analysis of large-scale speech and linguistic corpora, Deep learning modeling of speech and linguistic corpora, Hierarchical Organization of phonetic and phonological information, Phonological encoding of phonetic cues	tyoon @sungshin.ac.kr 02-920-7185
Boyoung Kim	Linguistics	Syntax, Psycholinguistics, Language Acquisition	boyoung @sungshin.ac.kr 02-920-7483

About the Faculty

DEGREE				DADMAP BY SEMESTER		
PROGRAM	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH		
MASTER	 Post 1900 British and American Novels1 Second Language Aquisition 1 Special Topics on Feminist Literature 1 Applied Linguistics English Syntax 	 Literature and Culture Practical English Grammar Studies in Children's Literature Corpus Linguistics Experimental Syntax 	 Feminist Literature Studies in English Language and Culture Multi-ethnic Literature English Linguistics and Text Mining Seminar in English Syntax 	 Literature and Social Issues1 Sociolinguistics Studies on Comparative Literatures and Cultures 2 Research Methods in English Linguistics Special Topics in English Syntax 		
DOCTORAT	 Pre-1900 English Literature2 Second Language Aquisition 2 Selected Topics in Post-1900 American Literature Seminar in English Phonology English Syntax 	 Post-1900 English Literature2 Teaching Methods as a Foreign Language Selected Topics in Pre-1900 American Literature Special Topics in English Linguistics 1 Experimental Syntax 	 Studies on Comparative Literatures and Cultures2 Curriculum Development in English Education British and American Literary Criticism 2 Computational Linguistics Seminar in English Syntax 	 Post-1900 British and American Novels2 Special Topics in English Education Discourse Analysis Seminar in Selected Topics of British and American Novels 1 Special Topics in English Linguistics 2 Special Topics in English Syntax 		

Curriculum

DEPARTMENT (MAJOR)	LAB RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS	INTRODUCTION	
	• Seoul Metropolitan Government 50 Plus Foundation. Digital Marketing for Small Businesses. May 2023 - November 2023. KRW 30,000,000).		
	NIA (National Information Society Agency) 2023. Construction of Subject-Adaptive English Speaking Evaluation Data (PI). September 2022 - December 2022. KRW 250,000,000.		
	 NIA (National Information Society Agency) 13. Korean Voice Data of European and Asian Language Users for Language Education (Practical Manager at the Korean Society of Speech Sciences) (May 1, 2022 - November 30, 2022). 	The Department of English	
	 NIA (National Information Society Agency) 12. Educational Multilingual Voice Data of Koreans (Advisory Committee member on English Pronunciation Assessment) (August 4, 2022 - November 30, 2022). 	Language and Literature at Sungshin Women's University is dedicated to pursuing innovative research and education based on a deep understanding of language	
Department of English Language and Literature (Linguistics) Computer-based Phonetics and Phonology Research	NRF Senior Researcher Support Project (PI) Construction of a Web-Based Speech & Phonology Research Interface (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2031) KRW 10,000,000/year.	and literature. Through various research projects and international collaborations, the computer-	
	● NRF General Joint Research Support Project (Co-Pl) Ha Seung-Hee (Hallym University) & Yoon Tae-Jin (Sungshin Women's University) & So Jung-Min (Sogang University). Construction of a Child Speech Database and Development of a Speech Sound Evaluation System Based on Deep Learning Automatic Speech Recognition (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024) KRW 100,000,000/year.	based phonetics and phonology lab in our department is recognized for its academic excellence in the field of English language and literature. We are opening new horizons in linguistics with innovative projects such as digital marketing, linguistic	
LAB	• NRF Senior Researcher Support Project (PI) Study on English Rhythm Metrics Using a Large Speech Corpus of L1 and L2. (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2020).	data construction for speakers of various languages, and development of web-based phonetics and phonology	
	● NRF General Joint Research (PI) Intermediate Language Construction Using a Competitive Model of Modal Verbs in TOEFL iBT According to L1 (November 1, 2016 - October 31, 2018).	research interfaces. The Department of English Language and Literature at Sungshin Women's University is committed to nurturing	
	• NRF Young Researcher Support Project (PI) Study on Positional Variation of Speech Quality Using a Large Speech Corpus (2014).	future leaders equipped with critical thinking, creative problem-solving, and global communication skills.	
	 NRF Young Researcher Support Project (PI) Vowel Study Using a Forced Alignment System on Large Speech Data (2013). 		
	• (Co-PI) A Corpus-based Study of Korean Dialects: Microvariation and Universals. Canada SSHRC (Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada) Partnership Development Grant (2013-2015).		
	NSERC Discovery Grant (PI) Prosodic Phrasing Detection Using Acoustic Source Characteristics. Canada NSERC (Natural Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada) (2009-2014)		

Department's Research and Project Achievements

The Graduate Program in the Department of English Language and Literature at Sungshin Women's University offers a Master of Arts degree and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in the three areas of British and American Literature and Cultural Studies, English Linguistics, and English Education.

The goal of the graduate program is producing excellent scholars and teachers with expertise in their own field, and to this end, the department provides a wide-ranging curriculum which allows students to learn and practice a diverse set of critical approaches within the discipline as well as encourages interdisciplinary scholarship. The faculty is eager to mentor students towards clarifying and developing their research interests.

The department also supports student professionalization by holding mini-conferences during the semester and providing opportunities to peer review manuscripts.

Our Sungshin graduate alumni have gone on to successful careers in academia, education, publishing, civil services, the translation & interpretation sector, and international organizations that require strong communication skills and a deep understanding of the English language and its global culture.

- 1) Academia and Education: Sungshin alumni occupy professions in both domestic and international universities and specialized research institutions that require masters and doctorate degrees.
- 2 Public Civil Services and International Organizations: Sungshin alumni seek government and NGO sectors that require not only graduate-level training but also hands-on interactive communication skills and a strong understanding of different cultures and protocol.
- (3) Business and Commerce: Sungshin alumni are successful in diving into the business commerce sectors as translators, interpreters, specialists in publishing and copyediting, and human resources, which require not only specialized educational training but also interpersonal skills that can be performed in English.

Department Development Plan

Career Paths After Graduation

Full Name	Current	Academic	Educational
	Interest	Advisor	Background
Tang Qin	American and British Modern Literature	Professor Ewha Chung	Anqin Normal University, China(BA) Anhui University, China(MA)
Wu Yumeng	English	Professor	Hainan Normal University(BA)
	Education	Jungmin Ko	Northwest University, China(MA)
Li Ke	American and British Modern Literature	Professor Hyeyurn Chung	Zhengzhou University, China(BA) Honan University, China(MA)

Current PhD Graduate Students, Academic Advisors, and Field of Interest

Preparation for graduate studies in English literature may include the following:

Academic Excellence: Complete relevant undergraduate courses in English language and literature, maintain excellent grades, and highlight academic achievements.

Research and Thesis: Demonstrate academic curiosity through undergraduate research projects or theses, emphasizing research skills.

Language Proficiency Exams: Prepare for and excel in language proficiency exams required for graduate admission (e.g., TOEFL, IELTS, GRE).

Research Interests and Goals: Clearly define and express your research interests and goals for graduate studies.

Required Qualifications for Admissions