

English Language Studies (ELS)

English Language Studies (ELS) is one of the subjects offered in the Department of Linguistics, ELS and Communication Skills (DLEC) both at undergraduate and graduate level. The general objectives of this course are:

1. To cultivate a linguistic awareness of the English language through the application of linguistic theories and techniques, as well as through comparisons of English and the more familiar Ugandan languages.
2. To provide an opportunity for the study of English as a second language within a typical multilingual and multicultural setting of which Uganda is one example.

LINGUISTICS (LIN)

Linguistics is one of the three subjects offered under the department of Linguistics, English Language studies and Communication Skills. The subject is taught at Bachelor's and Master's levels at Makerere University. The general objective of Linguistics is to train students to be overly knowledgeable about language; its structure, its usage, its variations and/or dynamics so as to be competent and effective language users, analysts and people who can give linguistic expertise and advice. The linguistic training that students receive is of considerable value in areas such as policy formulation and execution, especially in education and language matters, in critical appraisal and implementation of programmes. Students admitted to this subject do not need any prior knowledge of linguistics. Graduates of Linguistics are equipped with relevant skills to enable them to compete favorably in the job market. Requirements for admission are open; any student who has done an Arts combination at Advanced level and has attained the required university minimum entry requirements qualifies for it. The subject is designed to run for a period of three years.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Communication Skills (CSK) is an interdisciplinary course that draws on insights from a number of disciplines in the Arts and Social Sciences like English, Mass Communication, Sociology, Psychology, History, Literature and others to help develop your knowledge on how people communicate.

Communication skills prepare the students for the information age. The students learn how to acquire, store, manipulate and use information effectively for career success.

First, the students are equipped with principles that inform their understanding of varied audiences and enable them to interact effectively with individuals and technologies. They also learn how to process information using different media and how to create meaning about the world in a broad range of professional contexts. In addition they acquire the essential communication skills of listening, speaking, reading, writing, as well as critical thinking and analytical skills that are fundamental for all University Courses.

A graduate of Communication Skills can be employed in virtually any position in the modern world that depends on information.

With a background in Communication Skills, students can excel in positions of marketing, sales, advertising, public relations, development communication, journalism, interactive media, design and production, personnel administration, training, consulting, academics, research and many others.

Graduates of communication skills are therefore trained to work in practically any organisation that deals with people and requires knowledge of communication and information technology.