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यह एक स्वतंत्र परियोजना है, जो सरकार की आधिकारिक करियर-मार्गदर्शन सामग्री पर आधारित है। · An independent project based on the Government's official career-guidance content.

1 About this career

An English Literature Scholar is someone who deeply studies novels, poetry, drama and criticism written in English, teaches them, researches them and writes new interpretations. This career is for those who love language and ideas — explaining everything from Shakespeare to modern Indian writing in English to students, writing research papers and books, doing literary criticism, and sharing ideas at conferences. After a BA and MA in English, clearing UGC-NET and completing a PhD, one becomes an Assistant Professor in a college or university and can rise to full Professor. It is a respected, intellectual and stable academic career.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	BA→MA (English) 55% + UGC-NET/PhD
Duration	BA 3 yrs + MA 2 yrs + NET/PhD (5–8 yrs total)
Starting salary	Assistant Professor ₹57,700+ basic (UGC Level 10); private colleges ₹30,000–50,000/month
Work field	Teaching, research and writing in universities and colleges

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Deep interest in reading and understanding literature, poetry and stories
- A love of language, ideas and critical debate
- Enthusiasm for teaching, research and writing

ABILITIES

- Strong reading, writing and analytical ability
- Critical and reasoned thinking
- Good English expression and communication skills

KEY SKILLS

- Close reading, interpretation and criticism of literary texts
- Research methodology, referencing and writing papers
- Clear, well-structured academic writing and editing
- Public speaking and presenting at conferences
- Knowledge of literary theory and critical approaches
- Effective teaching, lecturing and classroom management
- Understanding of literary history, periods and movements

4 How to get there

- 1 In Classes 11–12, build a strong grip on English and humanities and read widely.
- 2 Get admission to a BA (English Literature) via CUET-UG or the university's admission process.
- 3 Complete an MA (English) with at least 55% marks (50% for reserved categories).
- 4 Clear the UGC-NET exam — for Assistant Professor eligibility and, with JRF, the PhD route.
- 5 Do a PhD in English Literature and publish research papers.
- 6 Get appointed as an Assistant Professor in a college/university and advance with experience and research.

MAIN EXAMS

- CUET-UG (Common University Entrance Test for undergraduate admission)
- UGC-NET English (National Eligibility Test for Assistant Professor and JRF)

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- University of Rajasthan – Department of English — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://www.uniraj.ac.in/>)
- Mohanlal Sukhadia University – Department of English — Udaipur, Rajasthan (<https://www.mlsu.ac.in/>)
- Central University of Rajasthan – Department of English — Ajmer, Rajasthan (<https://www.curaj.ac.in/>)
- Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) – School of Language, Literature & Culture Studies — New Delhi (<https://www.jnu.ac.in/>)

- University of Delhi – Department of English — Delhi (<https://english.du.ac.in/>)
- The English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU) — Hyderabad (<https://www.efluniversity.ac.in/>)

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Manipal University Jaipur – Department of English — Jaipur, Rajasthan (<https://jaipur.manipal.edu/>)
- Ashoka University – Department of English — Sonapat, Haryana (<https://www.ashoka.edu.in/>)

ONLINE

- IGNOU – MA English (distance/online) — Online / All-India (<https://www.ignou.ac.in/>)
- SWAYAM – Online literature courses — Online (<https://swayam.gov.in/>)

FEES

In government universities, BA and MA (English) fees are very low — usually ₹5,000–20,000 per year. An MA English from IGNOU costs roughly ₹10,000–15,000 for the whole course. In private universities the same degree can cost ₹50,000–2,00,000 per year. During a PhD, a JRF/research fellowship largely covers study costs.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- UGC-NET Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)
- UGC Fellowships & Scholarships (<https://www.ugc.gov.in/Schemes>)
- National Scholarship Portal (NSP) (<https://scholarships.gov.in/>)
- Buddy4Study – Arts & Humanities Scholarships (<https://www.buddy4study.com/scholarships>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

English departments of universities and colleges, research institutes, publishing houses, media and content firms, and schools.

WORK CULTURE

Academic life offers flexibility and intellectual freedom — teaching, research, and time in libraries and at conferences are part of it. Workload varies by semester; there is pressure of exams, evaluation and publishing. The field is very welcoming to women and persons with disabilities too.

WHO HIRES

- Central and state universities and degree colleges
- NCERT, IGNOU and educational research institutes

- Publishing houses (e.g. Oxford, Penguin, Orient BlackSwan) — editing and publishing
- Content-writing, edtech and language-training companies
- Newspapers, magazines and media organisations
- CBSE/state-board schools (PGT English)

DEMAND (2026)

Higher education is expanding fast in India and, under the National Education Policy (NEP), English is a compulsory subject in every university and college, keeping demand for qualified Assistant Professors steady. Beyond teaching, English-literature experts also find good openings in publishing, editing, translation, media and content-writing. For NET/PhD-qualified candidates it remains a stable and respected career.

7 Career growth

- 1 Assistant Professor (UGC Level 10)
- 2 Associate Professor (UGC Level 13A)
- 3 Professor / Head of Department (HOD) (UGC Level 14)
- 4 Dean / Principal / Vice-Chancellor

EARNINGS

Starting	₹57,700–90,000/माह
Mid level	₹1,00,000–1,40,000/माह
Senior level	₹1,50,000–2,10,000+/माह

Under the UGC 7th Pay Commission, an Assistant Professor's basic pay in a government university starts at ₹57,700 (Level 10), reaching a gross of about ₹90,000–1,10,000/month with allowances. Income rises considerably on becoming Associate Professor (Level 13A) and Professor (Level 14). In private colleges, starting pay can be ₹30,000–50,000/month.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Intellectually rich, respected and stable government career
- Good UGC pay scale, vacations and freedom to research
- Openings in writing, publishing and media alongside teaching

The challenges

- Long, competitive study path including NET and PhD
- Limited permanent Assistant Professor posts and tough recruitment
- Constant pressure of publishing and evaluation

9 Real-life journeys

G. N. Devy

Former Professor of English, literary critic and cultural activist

Ganesh (G. N.) Devy was for many years a Professor of English at Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda, and is counted among India's most influential literary scholars. His book 'After Amnesia' won the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1993, and he edited works such as 'Indian Literary Criticism: Theory & Interpretation'. He later launched the vast People's Linguistic Survey of India documenting hundreds of languages, and received honours including the Padma Shri. His journey shows how the study of English literature can lead to ideas, criticism and service to society.

Wikipedia · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G._N._Devy

Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak

University Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Columbia University

Born in Kolkata, Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak studied English at the University of Calcutta and then earned her PhD from Cornell University. She is one of the world's most celebrated literary theorists — her essay 'Can the Subaltern Speak?' is a cornerstone of postcolonial studies, and her translation of Jacques Derrida's 'Of Grammatology' introduced deconstruction across the world. A University Professor at Columbia University, Spivak has received honours including the Padma Bhushan and the Holberg Prize. Her story shows how far an English-literature scholar can rise on the global stage of ideas.

Wikipedia · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gayatri_Chakravorty_Spivak

10 If this route does not work out

One exam or one attempt does not close the door. The same subjects also open these routes — entry is usually easier, and you can return to this field later.

- Linguist
- Interpreter
- Translator

11 Sources & further reading

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3. Assistant Professor Salary 2026 (UGC pay scale) — <https://www.adda247.com/teaching-jobs-exam/ugc-net-assistant-professor-salary/>
4. University Grants Commission (UGC) — <https://www.ugc.gov.in/>



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