M.A. in Modern Languages

Learning Outcomes

Students can:

• Speak and participate in most informal and some formal conversations from topics related to school, home, and leisure activities, to many related to employment, current events, and matters of public and community interest.

• Narrate and describe in the major time frames of past, present, and future in paragraph-length discourse with some control of aspect, as well as combine and link sentences into connected discourse of paragraph length. Although these narrations and descriptions tend to be handled separately rather than interwoven.

• Use communicative strategies such as rephrasing and circumlocution, and can contribute to a conversation with sufficient accuracy, clarity, and precision to convey their intended message without misrepresentation or confusion.

• Combine and link sentences into texts of paragraph length and structure, and use minimal control of common structures and vocabulary.

• Listen and comprehend (albeit unevenly) short conventional narrative and descriptive texts with a clear underlying structure.

• Understand conventional narrative and descriptive texts with clear underlying structure (though their comprehension may be uneven).