

# Summer Bulletin: 2020

Green University Language Center (GULC)

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## Attraction of Summer Issue:

- ✓ Overview of diverse activities
- ✓ Accomplishments this semester

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# Language Center: An Overview

The Green University Language Center (GULC) started its journey aiming to develop communicative skills and compatibility in this multilingual and interdependent world. Initially, GULC started by offering courses on IELTS, Spoken English, GRE, TOEFL, English for Academic Purpose courses etc. As our Center grew over time, we became committed to develop communicative competence and research in diverse languages, and we are

currently working with Japanese, Chinese, French, Korean, Arabic, and endangered South Asian languages etc. GULC also offers a wide range of General Education Courses, and regularly organizes trainings, workshops, seminars concerning various areas of the general human sciences.

We aspire to expand our horizons even further and take our activities to the next level in the coming semester.



## Message from the Center Director



We are really excited to introduce our very first issue of semester-wise bulletin series. As a team, we believe that education should strive to create academically confident, ethically driven and socially responsible citizens of the world. In line with that spirit, Green University Language Center performs a range of academic and non-academic activities and continues to add newer dimensions to its activities each semester. The Summer Bulletin of 2020 showcases our diverse regular activities and the new dimensions that were added this semester.

## Regular Activities:

There are a range of regular activities that are performed by the faculty members of Green University Language Center (GULC).

### 1. Academic Courses by GULC:

- i. English for Academic Purposes (EAP-009)
- ii. English for Academic Purposes-I (EAP-101)
- iii. English for Academic Purposes-II (EAP-102/3)
- iv. English for Academic Purposes-204 (EAP-204)
- v. General Education Development (GED) Courses

### 2. Certificate Courses and Trainings:

- i. Spoken English Course

### ii. IELTS Course

### iii. Communicative English Course

### iv. Japanese Language Course

### v. Chinese Language Course

### 3. Non-Academic Activities:

- i. International Japanese Language Test or NAT-Test (Nihongo Aptitude Test) Conduction
- ii. *The Daily Star* Quiz and Related Activities
- iii. British Council Book Reading and Related Activities
- iv. Women Empowerment Forum
- v. Green University Language Club
- vi. Green University Cultural Club
- vii. Green University Reading Society



# Academic Courses

*Offering  
English for Academic  
Purposes (EAP)  
&  
General Education  
Development (GED)  
Courses  
is  
a Primary & Major  
Task of GULC*

## **Special Guidelines from University Grants Commission (UGC)**

UGC has already given instructions to offer for three mandatory courses at undergraduate level:

- ✓ Bangladesh Studies
- ✓ Bangla Literature and Language
- ✓ English

## **English for Academic Purposes (EAP)**

Total three EAP courses are conducted by the Center throughout the trimester, namely, EAP-009, EAP-101, and EAP-102. These courses are designed to prepare students to use English for their academic studies, and consequently for their professional needs in real life and work. These courses target the development of four key language competences i.e. speaking, listening, reading, and writing. All

the courses vary in their target groups and difficulty levels. The Center also offers Lab courses designed specifically for EEE department, which is termed as EAP-204.

## **General Education Development (GED)**

GED (General Education Development) courses are those which provide a common broad sense, well-rounded experience by exposure to a variety of curriculum areas. These split but harmonizing experiences will give our students a quality education, putting them on a path for an moving career and a prolific life. Two Major GED courses are:

**i. Bangladesh Studies:** This course focuses on History of Bengal from Ancient to Present time, Minority Ethnic Group of Bangladesh, Festivals and Religions of Bangladesh, Gender Education in Bangladesh, Economic System and Constitution of Bangladesh

**ii. Functional Bengali Language and Literature:** This course focuses on Old, Middle, and Modern Bangla Language and Literatures.

**iii. Other GED Courses Offered Every Semester:**



# Certificate Courses

*A comprehensive policy approved by the university is merged with the respective course proposal to recruit instructors for respective courses.*

*Certificate Courses by GULC are:*

*i. Spoken English Course,*

*ii. IELTS Course,*

*iii. Communicative English Course:*

*iv. Japanese Language Course,*

*v. Chinese Language Course.*

## Overview of Certificate Courses

### **(i) Spoken English Course:**

This four-month long program aims at preparing its participants globally by improving their speaking skill in English. It has specific learning outcomes, well designed course materials, phase by phase well scheduled 24 sessions, session management & assessment policies for its participants and instructors.

### **(ii) IELTS Course:**

GULC has introduced a certificate course on IELTS aiming to enable its participants to secure a high band score in real IELTS examination. GULC has two types of IELTS course running, Certificate Course (CC) and Crash Program (CP). CC is conducted for 3 months consisting of total 25 sessions (2 sessions per week), each of 2 hours duration whereas CP is conducted for two months consisting of total 12 sessions, each of 2 hours duration.

### **(iii) Communicative English Course:**

It specifically focuses on the development of communicative skills of both students and administrative staff at GUB. As a part of that, aiming at developing the English language skills, GULC has introduced a certificate course on Communicative English for its staff and students. The 'Communicative Program' has been designed with 20 classes; duration of each class is 120 minutes.

### **(iv) Japanese Language Course:**

GULC offers Japanese Language Program as a certificate course to the candidates, both internal and external to GUB, who are interested to sit for language aptitude tests (NAT or JLPT). The program has three modules based on the duration: (a) Crash Program: 6 days before the NAT-Test Day, (b) One-month, (c) Three-month Course, (d) Six-month Course

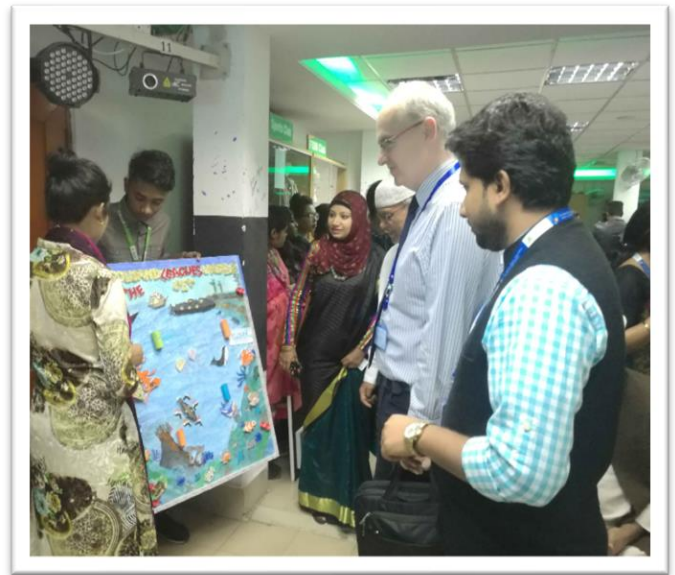
### **(v) Chinese Language Course:**

Green University MoUs with a number of Chinese universities. Every year a number students go for scholarship in any of the said universities. Hence, GULC has introduced a Chinese Language program that aims at developing skills in speaking, writing, reading and listening of Chinese Language. The course is conducted for 4 months consisting of total 25 sessions (2 sessions per week), each of 2 hours duration.



## British Council Book Reading Program

British Council Book Reading Competition is a partnership initiative between British Council, Bangladesh and Green University Language Center to provide students with the opportunity to read literature from around the world in simplified English. This program was introduced at GUB in Spring Semester 2015. The range of books covered in this program include: *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare, *The Curse of the Mummy* by Joyce Hannam, *Sherlock Holmes* by Arthur Conan Doyle, *The Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer, *Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea* by Jules Verne, *Around the World in Eighty Days* by Jules Verne etc.



## The Daily Star Quiz and Study Tour

*The Daily Star* Editor and Publisher Mahfuz Anam and Vice Chancellor of Green University of Bangladesh Prof. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir signed a memorandum of understanding to promote reading English newspapers among the university students on 9th May, 2017. Since then, *The Daily Star*, a leading newspaper of the country, has been used as a learning material within classrooms. Every semester, a quiz competition is also organized to encourage students to read newspapers and have a broader understanding of the world.



Every semester, the coordinator of *The Daily Star* program takes the toppers of the quiz on a study tour. In the previous *Daily Star* Quiz, the students went to visit the *Daily Star* office to have a firsthand experience of how print media functions.





## Webinar with Dr. Mark Bartholomew

Green University Language Center held a successful webinar on **"What NOT to Do to Improve Your Reading: Teaching Reading Skills in ESL Classrooms"** on 19 August 2020 at 05:00 PM. With over 250 participants at a certain point, the webinar ended around 06:15 PM in the evening. The webinar was live streamed on the Facebook page of Green University and received over 2K views.



Dr. Mark Bartholomew, Academic Advisor, Southern University, and Former Director, British Council, conducted the session as the Keynote Speaker. Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, Green University of Bangladesh, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and delivered the opening speech for the webinar. Honorable Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque, Green University of Bangladesh, graced the occasion as Special Guest and delivered the concluding speech at the end of the webinar. Prof. Cherie Brown, Akita International University, Japan, as distinguished guest of the session.

## Webinar Series with Prof. Cherie Brown



Green University Language Center held a successful international webinar series on English vocabulary and reading skills. The first session titled **"My Word! Vocabulary Learning Principles, Strategies, Activities, and Personal Stories"** was held on 26 August 2020 at 05:00 PM. The next session titled **"Academic Reading: Dos and Don'ts"** took place on Thursday, 17 September 2020, at 04:30 PM (Bangladesh Time). Hundreds of participants joined both of the sessions.

Professor Cherie Brown, Akita International University, Japan, conducted the sessions as the Keynote Speaker. Honorable Vice

Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir, Green University of Bangladesh, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Honorable Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque, Green University of Bangladesh, graced the occasion as Special Guest. We also had Dr. Mark Bartholomew, Academic Advisor, Southern University, and former Director, British Council, as distinguished guest of the event.

## Webinar with Edward M. Kennedy (EMK) Center

Green University Language Center organized a successful webinar with the Edward M. Kennedy (EMK) Centre titled "Fluency in English: What it Takes?" today at 05:00 PM. The Keynote Speaker of the event was Md. Ruhul Amin, EducationUSA Outreach Coordinator, EMK Center. Initially created in 2012 through a partnership between the **Liberation War Museum** and the **American Center of U.S. Embassy Dhaka**, the EMK Center is a non-partisan platform committed to open dialogue, informed action, individual and artistic expression, and personal and professional development. It facilitates both students and aspirants through a range of activities, opportunities, and programs.



## Webinar with Prof. Dr. Apurba Saha



Green University Language Center (GULC) held a successful International Webinar titled "**Endangered Languages of Bangladesh: Culture, Orature, Preservation and Revitalization**" on 09 September 2020.

The Keynote Speaker of the webinar was **Dr. Apurba Saha**, Professor, Department of English, and Director, Center for Endangered Languages, SKB University, India. The session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Golam Ahmed Faruqui, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Green University of Bangladesh.

Students and faculty members from both home and abroad participated in the webinar. A large number of participants from abroad were from Sidho-Kanho-Birsa University, Kothshila Mahavidyalaya, Kolhan University, Jawahar Lal Nehru College, Asutosh College, Calcutta University, H.K.S.G.C.M. High School, Sukanta Mahavidyalaya, Ranchi University, Coochbehar Panchanan Barma University etc.

# Webinar with E-learning Centre of Foundation Studies

The Green University Language Center (GULC) successfully conducted a seminar titled “**Online Learning: The Concept, Delivery and Assessment Alternatives**” on May 18, 2020 (Monday) at 11:00 am through the platform ZOOM. A.S.M Shamim Miah, Associate Professor and Chair of E-learning Centre of Foundation Studies, University of Al Buraimi, Oman, enriched the session as the keynote speaker and shared his expertise with the participants.

Honorable Vice Chancellor of GUB, Prof. Dr. Md. Golam Samdani Fakir graced the event as the Chief guest and honorable Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque was the Special guest of this highly informative arrangement. The event also became enriched by the presence of respected deans, directors, chairpersons, and faculty members of different departments, and the officers of GUB.



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the Limits of My World...*