

Language is the tool we need to express ourselves and share our ideas and feelings with others. It is not limited to phonemes or words but also using body parts in order to achieve the goal of communication. I always wanted to study this medium and know more about the analysis of its structure. At first, I found myself interested in studying English in my country 'cause I perceived that English is just like the gate to learn more about the structures of other languages.

I started to learn the language as foreign learner in my country but the Saudi curriculums did not satisfy my wishes and since I am able to understand new words quickly and applying them correctly, I depended on myself by reading a large number of English books besides listening to BBC radio.

Later, I have joined English department at Princess Nourah bint Abdul Rahman University. The courses there were taught in Arabic by Arabic teachers even though the books are written in English. During four years of studying English at the university, I intended to enrich my linguistic knowledge. At that time I was inspired by Dr. Badriah Al Qablan, the first Saudi woman who had MA in Applied linguistics, who encouraged me to work as a teacher assistant at my college.

One year after graduation, I worked as a teacher assistant. I taught courses such introduction to Linguistics, History of English Language, and others. Moreover, I was responsible for leading the college in quality assurance and quality control activities. I gained two years of expertise and work experience as a quality coordinator. This kind of responsibility improved my skills in project management, problem solving, decision making and team work.

Following my ambition to become a professor in my college, I have decided to go after my interests at a higher level hoping to complete my studies at a an English-speaking country whereby I can make use of the skills and knowledge I have obtained and start the journey of research that will never end. So, I joined the master program in

Linguistics at Essex University. Studying Linguistics has allowed me to look at English language critically and compare it with other languages.

To achieve my goal, I strongly believe that I need wider knowledge. So, Studying for PhD at your institution will help me to specialize and develop a deep understanding and prepare me for future goals. Also, it will create the best environment for me to develop as a person. I look forward to be a student at the university and explore language.

After getting the degree, I will be an influential faculty member who will teach the science of language in my country and continue my journey in doing researches about languages.

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