

English 102
Fall 2012
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This course is an introduction to the History of the English Language. We will begin with an introduction to universal features of language and progress from the reconstruction of Indo-European through Old, Middle and early Modern English to the modern world. We will study language from the level of sound (phonology) to sense (semantics.) Along the way we will consider the evolution of both words and syntax. It is an altogether fascinating topic and will greatly enrich your appreciation of both language and literature.

Text:

A Biography of the English Language, 2nd edition, C. M. Millward
(available used on Amazon.com)

Please read the relevant sections in advance of class.

Grading:

Grades will be calculated as follows:

Homework/Classwork:	30%
Two Midterms:	40%
Final Exam:	30%

Homework will be distributed and collected regularly in class. Late work can only be accepted in the case of genuine and compelling emergencies beyond your control. If you let me know as soon as possible about such an emergency, I will accept homework up to one week late.

Please see me if you need Disability Accommodations or have an unalterable university commitment that conflicts with an exam date.

All work must be your own, particularly exams. I do not mind if you study and do homework together with another student(s), as long as you all contribute actively to the process.

Schedule of Classes:

Aug	22	Introduction
	27	The Systematic Nature of Language
	29	Inflections
Sep	5	Phonology
	10	Phonology
	12	Writing
	17	Language Families
	19	Indo-European to Germanic
	24	Old English, pp. 76-81
	26	OE Phonology and Graphics, 82-93
Oct	1	OE Morphology, 94-100
	3	OE Verbs, 101-106
	8	OE Syntax, 107-114
	10	OE Lexicon, 115-132
	15	OE Semantics, dialects and literature, 134-139
	17	<u>Midterm Exam</u>
	22	Middle English, 141-145
	24	ME Phonology/Graphics, 146-162
	29	ME Morphology, 162-180
31	ME Syntax, 181-194	
Nov	5	ME Lexicon, 195-206
	7	ME Semantics, dialects, literature, 207-221
	12	Early Modern English, 224-248
	14	eME Phonology/Graphics, 250-263
	19	eME Morphology, 265-276
	21	<u>Midterm Exam</u>
	26	eME Syntax, 277-282
28	eME Lexicon, Semantics, dialects, 283-297	
Dec	3	Present Day English, 302-314
	5	PDE, 315-323
	10	PDE, 324-338

Final Exam: Friday, December 14, 945-1200