

English 140A
Fall 2014
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This course is an introduction to the language spoken and written in England from about 450 to 1200 CE: Old English. We will begin with pronunciation and end with short poems. This course combined with English 292 in the spring will fulfill the English Department language requirement for undergraduates. For graduate language credit, please see me about doing a brief reading exam. Because there is so much translation in this class, there is no term paper or final exam.

Course Reader:

Introduction to Old English, Peter S. Baker, 2nd or 3rd edition.
(Second edition is available in paper, third edition is available in paper or on-line at the University of Virginia: www.engl.virginia.edu/OE.) Please do the on-line exercises, Old English Aerobics.

Please read the assigned sections and do the relevant translations in advance of class. You will be called on everyday to translate orally. Many students find it useful to write out an interlinear translation by transcribing the Old English text, leaving at least two blank spaces above each line of text. The first line can be used for a preliminary gloss with grammatical notes and the second line for a more polished translation.

Grading:

Grades will be calculated as follows:

Two Midterms:	40%
Translation Project:	30%
Class Participation:	30%

Late work can only be accepted in the case of genuine and compelling emergencies beyond your control. Please let me know as soon as possible about such an emergency. See me if you need Disability Accommodations.

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

Schedule of Classes:

Aug	26	Introduction
	28	Chapter 1 and 2
Sep	2	Chapter 3, Basic Grammar
	4	Chapter 4, Case
	9	Chapter 5, Pronouns, Mini-Text A
	11	Chapter 6, Nouns, Mini-Text B
	16	Chapter 6
	18	Chapter 7 Verbs, Mini-Text C
	23	Chapter 7
	25	Chapter 7 and Review
	30	<u>MidTerm Exam</u>
Oct	2	Chapter 8 Adjectives, Mini-Text D
	7	Chapter 9 Numerals, Mini-Text E
	9	Chapter 10, Adverbs, etc. Mini-Text F
	14	Chapter 11, Concord, Mini-Text G
	16	Instructor Holiday - the rest of campus is open
	21	Chapter 12, Word-order, Mini-Text H
	23	Chapter 13, Metre, Mini-Text I
	28	Chapter 14, Poetic Style, Mini-Text J
	30	The Fall of Adam and Eve
Nov	4	<u>Midterm Exam</u>
	6	Cynewulf and Cyneheard
	11	Cynewulf and Cyneheard
	13	The Story of Caedmon
	18	The Story of Caedmon
	20	The Wanderer
	25	The Wanderer
	27	Thanksgiving - no class
Dec	2	The Wanderer
	4	Wulf and Eadwacer
	9	The Wife's Lament

Translation Project Due: In my office by Friday, December 12, by 1700 (5 pm)