

English 181 Special Topics – Beowulf
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Office Hours: Thursday, 12:00-12:30 and 3:00-4:00
Other times available by appointment

This class involves reading all of Beowulf in the original Old English.

Grading:

Two translation quizzes	40%
Translation project	20%
Oral Report	20%
Class participation	20%

Text:

You should have a good edition of Beowulf for this class. You may use Benjamin Slade's on-line edition if you like. Otherwise, the Klaeber 4th edition is the best.

Robert Fulk, et. al. editors, *Klaeber's Beowulf*, 4th edition, Univ. of Toronto.

If this will strain your budget, please consider purchasing the much less expensive third edition:

F. Klaeber, *Beowulf and the Fight at Finnsburh*, 3rd edition, D.C. Heath Co.

Late work can only be accepted in the case of genuine and compelling emergencies beyond your control. Late work must be received within one week of the due date and will be subject to a full grade penalty, i.e. A to B, B to C.

You may work together outside of class as much as you want, but your oral project, quizzes, translation project and class translations must be your own. Oral reports will be given throughout the semester. I will provide a sign-up sheet and suggested topics.

Schedule of Classes:

Jan	22	Introduction
	27	Lines 1-52, Scyld Scefing
	29	53-188 Voyage to Denmark

Feb	3	189-285 Grendel
	5	286-455 Coastguard, Hrothgar's Court
	10	456-558 Hunferth, Breca
	12	559-710 Grendel's attack
	17	711-837 Grendel's attack
	19	837-924 Lay of Sigmund
	24	925-1049 Rejoicing in the Court
	26	1050-1191 Lay of Finnsburh
Mar	3	1192-1320 Wealtheow, Grendel's Mother
	5	1321-1472 Aeschere's death discovered
	10	1473-1556 Voyage to the Mere <u>QUIZ</u>
	12	1557-1650 Beowulf fights Grendel's Mother
	17	1651-1816 Heremod
19	1817-1962 Beowulf departs	

March 23-31 Spring Break

Apr	2	1963-2069a Hygelac, Heathobards
	7	2069b-2220 Beowulf tells his story, becomes king
	9	2221-2311 The dragon attack
	14	2312-2459 The Swedish wars
	16	2460-2602 Beowulf attacks the dragon
	21	2603-2693 Wiglaf's bravery <u>TRANSLATION PROJECTS DUE</u>
	23	2694-2820 Death of the dragon
	28	2821-2891 Death of Beowulf
30	2892-2945 Wiglaf berates the survivors	
May	5	2946-3057 Swedish wars continued <u>QUIZ</u>
	7	3058-3136 Wiglaf's eulogy
	12	3137-3182 Beowulf's funeral