
Course Title: English/Linguistics 310: History of the English Language**Enrollment:** 35 Students

Course Description: A course which provides a historical study of the English language, beginning with a discussion of its Indo-European origins and continuing to the present day. Students gain knowledge concerning phonological, grammatical, and lexical changes within the language over time, and examine the social and political conditions related to such changes. The course focuses on the English language in its social context and asks students to think about language as a dynamic system that changes when it comes into contact with other cultures through migration, war, colonialization, and technological advancements. Students explore such changes through various literary works in Old, Middle, and Modern English, including passages from *Beowulf*, Malory, Chaucer, and Shakespeare. Class activities involve lecture, discussion, and group work.

Texts:

- *A History of the English Language*, 6th edition, by Albert C. Baugh and Thomas Cable (ISBN: 9780415655965) REQUIRED.
- *Language Myths* by Laurie Bauer and Peter Trudgil (ISBN: 9780140260236) REQUIRED.
- *From Old English to Standard English: A Course Book in Language Variations Across Time* by Dennis Freeborn (ISBN: 9781403998804) RECOMMENDED.

English 310 Course Schedule:

From Old English to Standard English (OESE); History of the English Language (HEL); Language Myths (LM)

Week	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
<u>Week 1:</u> <i>Introductions</i>	Winter Break	Introductions	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 1; <i>LM</i> #1
<u>Week 2:</u> <i>Indo-European Languages</i>	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 2.11-2.16; <i>LM</i> #2, #3	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 2.17-2.21; <i>LM</i> #4, #5	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 2.22-2.26; <i>LM</i> #6, #7
<u>Week 3:</u> <i>Old English</i>	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 3.27-3.35; <i>OESE</i> Old English I	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 3.36-3.43; <i>OESE</i> Old English I	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 3.44-3.52; <i>OESE</i> Old English I
<u>Week 4:</u> <i>Old English</i>	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 4.53-4.61; <i>OESE</i> Old English II	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 4.62-4.70; <i>OESE</i> Old English II	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 4.71-4.80; <i>OESE</i> Old English II
<u>Week 5:</u> <i>Middle English</i>	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 5.81-5.85; <i>OESE</i> Early Middle English – 12 th Century (6.1 <i>Lazamon's Brut</i>)	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 5.86-5.89; <i>OESE</i> Early Middle English – 12 th Century (6.1 <i>Lazamon's Brut</i>)	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 5.91-5.92; <i>OESE</i> Early Middle English – 12 th Century (6.2 <i>The Owl & the Nightingale</i>)
<u>Week 6:</u> <i>Middle English</i>	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 6.93-6.99; <i>OESE</i> Early Middle English (7.1 <i>The Fox and the Wolf</i> ; 7.2 <i>The South English Legendary</i> ; 7.3 <i>A Guide for Anchoresses</i>)	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 6.100-6.106; <i>OESE</i> Early Middle English (7.4 <i>Writing hands</i> ; 7.5 <i>three medieval lyrics</i> ; 7.6 <i>The Bestiary</i>)	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 6.106-6.110; <i>OESE</i> Early Middle English (7.7 <i>The Lay of Havelock the Dane</i> ; 7.8 <i>13th century loan words</i>).
<u>Week 7:</u> <i>Middle English</i>	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 7.111-7.118; <i>OESE</i> Northern and Southern Texts Compared (8.1 <i>Cursor Mundi</i>)	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 7.119-7.126; <i>OESE</i> Northern and Southern Texts Compared (8.2 <i>Loan Words</i>)	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 7.127-7.133; <i>OESE</i> Northern and Southern Texts Compared (9.1 <i>The dialect areas of Middle English</i> ; 10.3 <i>The York Plays</i>)
<u>Week 8:</u> <i>Middle English</i>	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 7.134-7.140; <i>OESE</i> The 14 th Century – West Midlands Dialect (11.1 <i>Sir Gawain and the Green Knight</i>)	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 7.140-7.146; <i>OESE</i> The 14 th Century – West Midlands Dialect (11.2 <i>Piers Plowman</i>)	<i>HEL</i> Ch. 7.146-7.152; <i>OESE</i> The 14 th Century – West Midlands Dialect (11.3 <i>Loan Words</i>)
<u>Week 9:</u> <i>Middle English</i>	<i>OESE</i> The 14 th Century – East Midlands and London Dialects (12.1-12.2); <i>LM</i> #8	<i>OESE</i> The 14 th Century – East Midlands and London Dialects (12.3 <i>South-East Midlands Dialect – Mandeville's Travels</i> ; 12.4 <i>London Dialect – Thomas Usk</i>); <i>LM</i> #9	<i>OESE</i> The 14 th Century – East Midlands and London Dialects (12.5 <i>Loan Words</i>); <i>LM</i> #10
<u>Week 10:</u> <i>Middle English</i>	<i>OESE</i> The London Dialect (13.1 <i>Chaucer's prose writing</i> ; 13.2 <i>Chaucer's verse</i>); <i>LM</i> #11	<i>OESE</i> The London Dialect (13.3 <i>Editing a text</i>); <i>LM</i> #12	<i>OESE</i> The London Dialect (13.4 <i>Loan Words</i>); <i>LM</i> #13

<u>Week 11:</u> <i>Early Modern English</i>	<i>HEL Ch. 8.153-8.163; LM #14</i>	<i>HEL Ch. 8.164-8.174</i>	<i>HEL Ch. 8.175-8.185; LM #15</i>
<u>Week 12:</u> Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century	<i>HEL Ch. 9.186-9.193; LM #16</i>	<i>HEL Ch. 9.194-9.201</i>	<i>HEL Ch. 9.202-9.210; LM #17</i>
<u>Week 13:</u> Nineteenth and twentieth Century	<i>HEL Ch. 10.211-10.219; LM #18</i>	<i>HEL Ch. 10.220-10.229</i>	<i>HEL Ch. 10.230-10.237; LM #19</i>
<u>Week 14:</u> American English	<i>HEL Ch. 11.238-11.243</i>	<i>HEL Ch. 11.244-11.250</i>	<i>HEL Ch. 11.251-11.256; LM #20</i>
<u>Week 15:</u> The Twenty- First Century and World English	<i>HEL Ch. 12.257-12.259</i>	<i>HEL Ch. 12.260-12.262</i>	<i>HEL Ch. 12.263-12.264; LM #21</i>
<u>Week 16:</u> Final		FINAL EXAM	