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History of the English Language
German 414/558/ Linguistics 414/ English 470 /586
Course syllabus
Fall 2010

Required texts:

Albert C. Baugh and Thomas Cable. *A History of the English Language*, 5th. ed. Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Prentice Hall, 2002.

Thomas Cable. *A Companion to Baugh & Cable's History of the English Language*, 3rd ed. Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Prentice Hall, 2002.

Course requirements:

1. Regular attendance, preparation and participation
2. Special assignments (chosen by student from a range of options) and/or workbook assignments, depending on student's interests and goals
3. One mandatory and one optional test
4. A final project to be completed in the following stages:
 1. By October 18: Make an appointment to discuss possible topics with me.
 2. October 25: Turn in a one-paragraph description of the topic chosen.
 3. November 22: Turn in a rough version of the project.
 4. December 6-10: In-class presentations and discussion of projects.
 5. December 17: Turn in the final version of the project.

Most students will probably do research papers as their projects, but I am very open to other ideas. Papers should be approximately 8-10 pages for undergrads.

Students who wish to present their projects in class may do so in the last week of the semester for assignment points.

Students who are taking this as a German course are encouraged to write on a German-related topic and to use German material in their research. They may also discuss with me the possibility of writing their papers and other assignments in German if they wish.

Date	Class topic	Special Assignments (choose at least 4)	Baugh and Cable	Deadlines
Aug. 30	Introduction			
Sept. 1	Indo-European	Branches of IE	Chap. 1	
Sept. 3	Germanic			
Sept. 6	LABOR DAY	(NO CLASS)		
Sept. 8	Germanic	Branches of Germanic	Chap. 2	
Sept. 10	Runes			
Sept. 13	Runes	Runic inscriptions		
Sept. 15	Old English		Chap. 3	
Sept. 17	???			
Sept. 20	Old English			
Sept. 22	Old English	Reciting OE verse	Chap. 4	
Sept. 24	Old English			
Sept. 27	Old English			
Sept. 29	Norman England	Endangered languages	Chap. 5	
Oct. 1	Norman England			
Oct. 4	Early Middle English		Chap. 6	
Oct. 6	Early Middle English	Manuscr. transcription		
Oct. 8	Early Middle English		Chap. 7	
Oct. 11	Late Middle English			
Oct. 13	Late Middle English	Reciting ME verse		
Oct. 15	Late Middle English			
Oct. 18	Late Middle English			Topics
Oct. 20	Late Middle English			
Oct. 22	Early Modern English	Shakespeare's English	Chap. 8	
Oct. 25	Early Modern English			Paragraphs
Oct. 27	Early Modern English			
Oct. 29	Early Modern English			
Nov. 1	Standardization		Chap. 9	
Nov. 3	Modern English	Etymologies		
Nov. 5	Modern English		Chap. 10	
Nov. 8	Modern English			
Nov. 10	Lexicography/OED			
Nov. 12	North American English	Immigrant influences	Chap. 11	
Nov. 15	North American English			
Nov. 17	North American English			
Nov. 19	British dialects			
Nov. 22	American dialects			Rough drafts
Nov. 24-26	THANKSGIVING	VACATION	(NO CLASS)	
Nov. 29	World Englishes			
Dec. 1	International English			
Dec. 3	Pidgins and creoles			
Dec. 6	Presentations/special topics			
Dec. 8	Presentations/special topics			
Dec. 10	Presentations/special topics			