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History of the English Language
German 414/558/ Linguistics 414/ English 486
Course syllabus
Fall 2006

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. Two short tests
4. A final project to be completed in the following stages:
 1. By October 11: Make an appointment to discuss possible topics with me.
 2. October 18: Turn in a one-paragraph description of the topic chosen.
 3. November 15: Turn in a rough version of the project.
 4. December 4-6: In-class presentations and discussion of projects.
 5. December 15: 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	Assignments (choose 4)	Baugh and Cable
Aug. 28	Introduction		
Aug. 30	Pre-English		Chap. 1
Sept. 4	LABOR DAY	(NO CLASS)	
Sept. 6	Runes	Runic inscriptions	Chap. 2
Sept. 11	Old English		Chap. 3
Sept. 13	Old English		Chap. 4
Sept. 18	Old English		Chap. 5
Sept. 20	English under the Normans	Reports on endangered languages	
Sept. 25	Early Middle English		Chap. 6
Sept. 27	Late Middle English		Chap. 7
Oct. 2	YOM KIPPUR	(NO CLASS)	
Oct. 4	Late Middle English	Manuscript transcription	
Oct. 9	Early Modern English		Chap. 8
Oct. 11	Early Modern English	Linguistic features of Shakespeare's English	
Oct. 16	Standardization		Chap. 9
Oct. 18	Modern English		
Oct. 23	Lexicography / OED	Etymologies	Chap. 10
Oct. 25	North American English		Chap. 11
Oct. 30	Prescriptivism	Popular attitudes toward language	
Nov. 1	Dialectology		
Nov. 6	Traditional dialects	LAMSAS	
Nov. 8	British dialects		
Nov. 13	American dialects	TELSUR	
Nov. 15	World Englishes		
Nov. 20	English in contact		
Nov. 22	THANKSGIVING	VACATION	NO CLASS
Nov. 27	Pidgins and creoles	Pidgin/creole reports	
Nov. 29	Pidgins and creoles		
Dec. 4	Presentations/special topics		
Dec. 6	Presentations/special topics		