

History of the English Language

EN330 • Spring 2014

Overview

EN330 examines the changes in the English language over a 1500-year history from its Anglo-Saxon roots to its present status as the predominant world language. It studies the linguistic changes in pronunciation, word formation, word order, and meaning in the cultural contexts which influenced and produced those changes. The emphasis in this course is on topics practical to English teachers, such as 1) the notion of linguistic correctness, 2) the construction of standard and non-standard English, 3) English spelling, 4) the mechanisms of language change, and 5) methods of reading and studying historical English literature.

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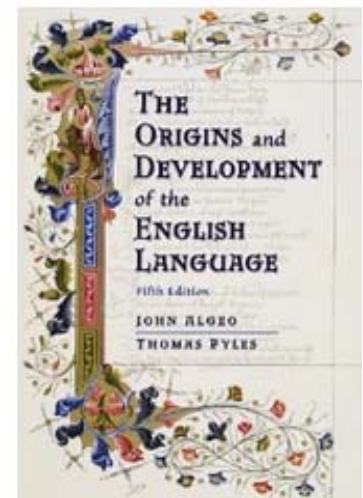
Tues 10 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Resources

Textbook: *The Origins and Development of the English Language* by John Algeo and Thomas Pyles (5th edition), ISBN 9780155070554.

Web Site: <http://www.gsb.edu/classes/rflood.html>

Assignments will be posted on the class Web site. Please refer to this site to keep informed.



Grading

Course grades will be computed according to the following weights:

Quizzes and Tests	50%
Homework	25%
Project	25%

Policies

- Assignments must be turned in at the beginning of the class hour. If you will miss a class, send in your assignment with a friend or put it in my box in the copy room before it is due. Assignments turned in up to one week late will be docked 10%; after one week, assignments will not be accepted.
- If a class is canceled, any due assignments will be due the next time the class meets.
- If you miss a test, you may make it up in the office within two weeks.