

ENGL-40102 / ENGL-50001 :

THE HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

SPRING 2019 DR. DAMIAN FLEMING

WELCOME TO HEL !

CLASS MEETINGS: M W 3:00 – 4:15 PM LA 144

OFFICE HOURS: M W 12:00 – 1:00 PM, and by appointment. Just ask!

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COURSE WIKI: <http://hel2019.pbworks.com/>

VISIT THIS WEBSITE ^^^ Click "Request Access"

OBJECTIVES:

This course will serve as an introduction to the study of language in general, and specifically to the historical study of the English language. The course will give students grounding in the tools of linguistic study: phonology, morphology, graphics, semantics, syntax and lexicon. In particular, we will trace the historical development of the English language, beginning with the classification of all languages, to the Indo-European language family to the successive stages in the development of English, from Old English to American English the many World englishes of the present day.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Regular attendance, intelligent participation, alert questioning, and careful preparation of reading and exercises as assigned
2. Regular participation on class wiki
3. Homework and Quizzes
4. 2 semester research projects, to be posted online
5. Midterm and Final Exams

REQUIRED BOOK:

Most of the course readings will be provided online, but you are required to have a copy of:

Kory Stamper, *Word by Word: The Secret Life of Dictionaries*
([Vintage/Penguin/Random House](#), 2017) ISBN: 9781101970263

GRADING: The term grade is calculated based on the following:

Participation:	9%
Office visit (before Feb 15):	1%
Quizzes/ Homework / Wiki	30%
Projects	30%
Exams (midterm and final)	30%

GRADE SCALE:

A	94–100 Highest passing grade	4.0
A-	90–93	3.7

B+	87–89		3.3
B	84–86	Above-average passing grade	3.0
B-	80–83		2.7
C+	77–79		2.3
C	74–76	Average passing grade	2.0
C-	70–73		1.7
D+	65–69		1.3
D	60–64	Lowest passing grade	1.0
F	below 60	Failure	0.0

ATTENDANCE:

This course is based in active participation; as a result, attendance in class is essential.

- 2 absences: participation grade = 0%
- **3 absences = course failure**

WRITING ASSIGNMENTS:

I do not accept any late work

Failure to submit any written assignment will result in a failing grade for the course

EXAMS AND QUIZZES:

We will have a midterm and a final based on the text readings and material covered in class.

WIKI WORK (READ CAREFULLY)

We will regularly have assignments, many of which will be submitted on the class wiki. The most common assignment will be an informal response of at **least 300 words** to readings, usually accompanied by questions about the reading.

These don't have to be formal, but must be **at least 300 words long**. You can use the wiki space to review what you have read, try to explain concepts in your own terms, raise questions about the material, as well as present your opinion on the readings. Failure to submit 2 of these postings will result in a failing grade for the course.

Additionally, before each class meeting, every student must look up a word in the [Oxford English Dictionary](#) and note on our wiki something new you have learned, with an emphasis on etymological information. Write out a sentence or two summarizing what you have found and paste a link of the URL to the entry.

To show that you have read this far in the syllabus, before the next class meeting, email me, Dr. Fleming, an image of a medieval manuscript. If you send me an image that no other student does, I'll give you extra credit.

DISABILITIES STATEMENT:

If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. Contact the Director of Services for Students with Disabilities (Walb Union, Room 113, telephone number 481-6657) as soon as possible to work out the details. For more information, please visit the web site for SSD at <http://www.pfw.edu/ssd/>

Keep in mind that accommodations are not retroactive so it is best to contact the office **as soon as possible** so that timely arrangements can be made.

FOR ALL STUDENTS:

No **retroactive** accommodations can be made. If you feel that you have an issue which may affect your ability to succeed in this class, you must come see me **before** you've defaulted on the class. Hopefully, any issue can be resolved, but no issue can be resolved after the fact.

ACADEMIC HONESTY:

USING ANOTHER PERSON'S WORDS OR IDEAS WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION IS PLAGIARISM.

Plagiarism will earn you an **F** for the course, and possible expulsion from the University. If you borrow an idea or quote from another author, you must cite where you found the material. If you have any questions about citing sources, please ****ASK**** before your turn in an assignment. I am happy to help, or visit the Writing Center. <http://www.pfw.edu/casa/writing/>.

CONCERNING TEXTING IN CLASS:

Texting or otherwise messing around on your phone during the class period will result in a **failing grade** for the course

LAPTOP POLICY:

Similarly, laptops are great, but can also be a great distraction to yourself and others. Using a laptop or other device during class for non-class related activities will result in a **failing grade** for the course.

FIRST HALF SCHEDULE:

****NOTE:** The schedule below is subject to change; missing class is **not** an excuse for not knowing about changes to the schedule. The most up-to-date schedule for all assignments can be found on the course WIKI: <http://hel2019.pbworks.com/>

Wk	Day	Date	Topic	Reading Due	Response	Other Assignment
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1	M	7	Intro to class pater noster thou	Discussion of Books		Click here. Introduce yourself on Wiki
JAN	W	9	Intro	Read Syllabus Write out 3 questions you have about the syllabus & bring them to class (to hand in)		Post Pet Peeves
2	M	14	Language Change	Watch: Ta-Nehisi Coates on words READ: Language Change Millward 1 READ: Word By Word: Preface, Hrankell	Jan 14	
.	W	16		READ: Phonology Millward 2 READ: WbW But, It's Helpful website	Jan 18	
3	M	21	NO CLASS	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No class		
	W	23	What is England Timeline	Read: HEL overview from Curzan WbW: Irregardless, Corpus	Jan 23	hand in HW 1
4	M	28	How many words?	READ: History of Dictionaries Read this and this (about dictionaries) WbW: Surfboard, Pragmatic	Jan 25	

