

L304 OLD ENGLISH
FALL 2017
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CLASS MEETING: MW 3:00 PM – 4:15 PM, LA 148
OFFICE HOURS: MW 12:00-1:15 PM, and by appointment. **Just ask!**
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COURSE WIKI: <http://oldenglish2017.pbworks.com/>
VISIT THIS WEBSITE ^^^ Click "Request Access"

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An introduction to the language and culture of the Anglo-Saxons: Old English, the oldest surviving version of the English language. Students will learn how to pronounce and translate Old English while learning about the culture of England c. 700 – 1100 CE. In addition to studying a wide variety of texts in the original, we will spend some time studying the epic *Beowulf* in translation.

REQUIRED TEXTS (AVAILABLE AT IPFW BOOKSTORE):

- Richard Marsden, *The Cambridge Old English Reader* 2nd edition ([Cambridge](#), 2015), ISBN 1107641314 ([Amazon](#))
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- *Beowulf*, ed and trans by R.M. Liuzza, ([Broadview](#), 2012) ISBN: 1554810647 ([Amazon](#))

Always bring the appropriate text to class; it is necessary for informed discussion; **failure to bring your text to class is equivalent to an absence**

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Daily attendance; close critical reading and preparation of all assignments; enthusiastic participation in discussion and translation
2. Lots of translation and memorization, which will be checked by quizzes
3. Memorization and recitation of the *Fæder ure* and a selection of Old English poetry
4. Homework
5. Research Project on an Anglo-Saxon manuscript
6. Midterm and Cumulative Final

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

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

- 2 absences: participation grade = 0%
- **3 absences = course failure**
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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. Both exams will contain translation work.

We will also have quizzes.

RECITATION:

Each student will MEMORIZE and RECITE two passages of Old English. Everybody will memorize and recite the *Fæder ure* on Monday, Sept 18. If you've never done anything like this before, I suggest you get started as soon as possible. For the second memorization students will either memorize *Cædmon's Hymn* or the first 10 lines of *Beowulf*.

RESEARCH PROJECT:

Each student will research a manuscript containing Old English and create a poster display and give a presentation to the class. Details to follow.

GRADING:

Participation/recitation:	9%
Office visit:	1%
Research Project:	30%
Quizzes and homework:	20%
Midterm and Final	40%

GRADE SCALE:

A	94–100	Outstanding	C+	77–79
		Scholarship	C	74–76
A -	90–93		C-	70–73
B+	87–89		D+	65–69
B	84–86	Superior	D	60–64
B-	80–83		F	below 60

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.ipfw.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.ipfw.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.

SCHEDULE:

SEE CLASS WIKI: : <http://oldenglish2017.pbworks.com/>

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Fall 2015

A Prayer (for success in this course):
To be memorized

Fæder ure,
þu þe eart on heofonum,
si þin nama ge-halgod;
to-becume þin rice;
ge-wurþe þin willa
on eorðan swa swa on heofonum;
urne ge-dæg-hwam-lican hlaf syle us to dæg,
and forgyf us ure gyltas,
swa swa we forgyfað urum gyltendum,
and ne gelæd þu us on costnunge,
ac alys us of yfele.
Soþlice.

Simple pronunciation notes:

þ = /th/

ð = /th/

æ = /a/ like “cat”

pronounce **every single** letter