

**English 3001: History of the English Language – Western University – Intersession 2014**  
Monday-Friday, 11am-1:30pm  
UC 142

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**Course Description:**

The history of English begins in the British Isles over 1500 years ago with the fall of the Roman Empire and is still being written, as English continues to evolve in multiple media and global contexts. This course will introduce students to this long and richly varied history, focusing

documentation processed through Academic Counseling. University policy states that I cannot grant extensions; if Academic Counseling determines that you should have an extension, I will comply.

**Class Participation and Attendance:**

To earn a passing participation grade, you must attend class regularly, listen attentively, come prepared to discuss the assigned reading, and participate in in-class ungraded activities. Beyond this, participation credit will also be given for thoughtful questions and comments, and, in general, demonstration of active engagement with the course material in class. Attendance will be recorded on a sign-in sheet every class to help ensure that your participation grade is fair and objective. Please note that students can be barred from writing final exams in cases of frequent absence from class. Read actively, take responsibility for your own learning: take notes, formulate questions, try to make connections between texts and ideas on your own.

**Final Exam:**

Exams are scheduled by the University.

DO NOT MAKE TRAVEL PLANS UNTIL YOU KNOW YOUR EXAM SCHEDULE.

Value of term work and exam:

STUDENTS MUST PASS BOTH TERM WORK AND THE FINAL EXAMINATION (IN COURSES WITH FINAL EXAMINATIONS) IN ORDER TO PASS THE COURSE. STUDENTS WHO FAIL THE FINAL EXAMINATION (REGARDLESS OF THEIR TERM MARK) AUTOMATICALLY FAIL THE COURSE.

**Class Conduct:**

All students are expected to conduct themselves according to high standards of respect and civility in the classroom. To that end, students are asked to respect the following guidelines:

1. Frame questions and differences of opinion in a constructive and professional manner.
2. Respect the rights of each student and of the instructor to speak without having to talk over other voices.
3. Turn off cell-phones and headsets before the start of class, and for the duration of the class.

Note: this means no texting during class.

4. Refrain from reading newspapers/magazines/books and from doing work for other classes.
5. Only use laptops for note-taking. If it is clear that you are using a laptop for other purposes (Facebook, Twitter, email, etc.), I reserve the right to ask you to stop using your laptop in class. Laptops should not be open during class discussions.

**Email Conduct:**

Please address and sign all email correspondence appropriately. Typically, emails will be answered within 48 hours, although I do not always answer emails in the evening or on



## Schedule of Readings

. Assigned readings may be subject to change; any changes will be announced via OWL and in class.

### May

- 12 Introduction to the History of English (Ch. 1)
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- 14 Phonology and Morphology (Ch. 3 up to p. 81)
- 15 Semantics (Ch. 3 pp. 81-
- 16 PIE and Indo-European (Ch. 4)
  
- 19 Victoria Day no classes
- 20 Germanic and the Development of Old English (Ch. 5)
- 21 **Test #1**
- 22 OE (Ch. 6 pp. 162-
- 23 OE (Ch. 6 pp. 185-
  
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