

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500245 English Studies	OB	3	1
2501902 English and Catalan	OT	3	0
2501902 English and Catalan	OT	4	0
2501907 English and Classics	OT	3	0
2501907 English and Classics	OT	4	0
2501910 English and Spanish	OT	3	0
2501910 English and Spanish	OT	4	0
2501913 English and French	OT	3	0
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Use of languages

Principal working language: english (eng)
Some groups entirely in English: Yes
Some groups entirely in Catalan: No
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Prerequisites

This course introduces the student to English diachronic linguistics. It draws heavily on synchronic linguistics courses taught in the 1st and 2nd years and prepares students for History of English II and 4th-year subjects such as Variation and Change, Sociolinguistics or Philological Analysis, as well as subjects in the field of early English literature.

The course requires an initial level of English **C1** (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment). Students with **C1** can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognise implicit meaning; they can express themselves fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions; they can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes; they can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.

Objectives and Contextualisation

The aim of the course in relation to the degree is:

- To describe and apply the phenomena and processes of historical linguistics.
- To relate the external history of the English language with the most relevant linguistic features of Pre-historical and Old English.

- To analyse and describe the phonological, morphological, syntactic, lexical and orthographic features of Old English
- To apply the knowledge and skills acquired to Old English texts.

Content

- UNIT 1. Introduction to historical linguistics.
- UNIT 2. The origins of the English language: from Indo-European to Old English.
- UNIT 3. The external history of the Old English period: social, political, religious, demographic and cultural factors and its influence on linguistic change.
- UNIT 4. Old English: phonology, orthography, lexicon, morphology and syntax.