

St. Jerome's University in the University of Waterloo

Department of English

Old English 1 (ENGL 305A)

Fall 2019

Class Times/Location: Tuesday and Thursday 11:30 pm – 12:50 pm, SJ1 3027

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Course Description: An introduction to the English language in its earliest form and to English prose in pre-Conquest England, examining Old English prose style, its principal practitioners, and their world view. (Undergraduate Calendar, 2019-2020)

Course Objectives: The course Old English 1 will

1. Equip students with the necessary tools to read and translate Old English prose
2. Introduce students to the multidisciplinary field of Anglo-Saxon studies
3. Prepare students to pursue further the study of the Old English language and literature

Required textbook: Hasenfratz, R., & Jambeck, T. (2011). *Reading Old English: A primer and first reader* (rev. ed.). Morgantown, WV: West Virginia University Press.

Additional required and optional readings (see Schedule) are available on Course Reserves.

Course Requirements: To receive credit in this course students must complete three homework assignments (10% each), three in-class grammar quizzes (5% each), and a final take-home exam (35%); 10% of the final mark are reserved for class participation. In addition, students are required to keep a glossary of the technical (linguistic, literary, palaeographic, etc.) terms that they encounter throughout this course (10%). Part 1 of the glossary is due in Week 6; Part 2 is due in Week 14. Students are expected to attend classes regularly (six missed classes will result in “0” for Participation), complete assigned readings and translations, actively participate in class discussions and group work, submit their assignments on time, and write quizzes and the final exam. Late assignments are not accepted (unless accompanied by the doctor’s note). Homework assignments must be typed and double-spaced; all collaborators must be acknowledged; a paper copy must be submitted in class. In case of illness, an e-copy should be emailed to the instructor on a due date, and a paper copy should be submitted in class. Marked assignments will be returned in class. The take-home exam must be submitted into the dropbox.

Assignments: Due Dates

Homework Assignment 1 (see LEARN)	September 26
Glossary Part 1	October 10
Homework Assignment 2 (see LEARN)	October 29
Homework Assignment 3 (see LEARN)	November 21
Glossary Part 2	December 3
Take-home exam (see LEARN)	December 10

For Course Schedule, see LEARN.

Electronic Device Policy

Students are allowed to use electronic devices in class for educational purposes only. For more information on the rationale behind this policy, see Whitford, E. (2018, July 27). The myth of multitasking. Inside Higher Ed. Retrieved from: <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2018/07/27/class-cellphone-and-laptop-use-lowers-exam-scores-new-study-shows>

Accommodation for Illness or Unforeseen Circumstances:

The instructor follows the practices of the University of Waterloo in accommodating students who have documented reasons for missing quizzes or exams. See http://www.registrar.uwaterloo.ca/students/accom_illness.html

Important Information

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Appeals: A decision made or penalty imposed under the [St. Jerome's University Policy on Student Petitions and Grievances](#) (other than a petition) or the [St. Jerome's University Policy on Student Discipline](#) may be appealed if there is a ground. A student who believes they have a ground for an appeal should refer to the [St. Jerome's University Policy on Student Appeals, www.sju.ca/sites/default/files/PLCY_AOM_Student-Appeals_20131122-SJUSCapproved.pdf](#).

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