

# Course Name: Development of the English Language: Tracing the

# Origins and Understanding the Changes

# Programme in which it is offered: B.A.B.Ed

Course Category: Core	Schedule of Offering: Even
Course Credit Structure: 4	Course Code:
Total Number of Hours: 60	Contact Hours Per Week: 4
Lecture: 4	Tutorial: 0
Practical: 0	Medium of Instruction: English
Date of Revision: 18-02-2021	Skill Focus: Employability
Short Name of the Course: DEL	The course is considered as a
	Minor/Elective/ in any other school: No

## **Course Description**

This is a core course being offered to the students of B.A.B.Ed programme, in their second semester. As the name suggests, it traces the origin of English Language as we know it today and study the changes that it underwent.

## **Course Introduction**

This course looks at the internal and external changes that occurred in English language and how it evolved to the way it is now. Language is neither static nor homogeneous. All languages show variation along different dimensions. This course will aim at identifying those changes and observe the varieties of English that are in use in the present time.

# **Course Objective**

- To provide students adequate knowledge of the history of English language by tracing its development from the earliest records to the present day.
- To provide the students with insights into the development of English language,

especially the changes during the Middle English and Modern English periods.

- To develop the students' understanding on how the language was standardized.
- To analyse the varieties of English spoken throughout the world.

# Course Outcome

At the end of the course students will be able to:

- Identify the structural changes that have occurred in the English language.
- Understand and differentiate between the various phonetic changes that have occurred.
- Understand the key factors for external changes.
- Become aware of the different contexts in which English is used and the functions it performs.
- Appreciate the dynamic and variable nature of the English language.

# PO-CO Mapping

<This should explain how the Course Outcomes (CO) are mapped with the Programme Outcomes (PO).>

CO/PO Mapping	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10
CO1										
CO2										
CO3										
CO4										

## PO-CO Mapping Matrix

#### Prerequisites

Must have done Introduction to Linguistics course.

## Pedagogy

The course will use Moodle extensively, with reading materials, audio lectures, presentations, assignments and quizzes, being uploaded on it. The lectures will include synchronous and asynchronous classes with a ratio of 3:1.

# Suggested Reading:

- J. Alego and C.A. Butcher: The Origins and Development of the English Language (Cengage Learning, 2013)
- L.J. Brinton and L.K. Arnovick: The English Language: A Linguistic History (OUP, 2017)
- R.M Hogg, N. Blake, R. Burchfield, R. Lass, S. Romaine: The Cambridge History of the English Language -Volumes 1-5 (CUP, 1994)
- Simon Horobin: The English Language A very short introduction (OUP, 2018)
- F.T. Wood: An Outline History of English Language (Macmillan, 2000)
- A.C. Baugh and T. Cable: A History of the English Language (Prentice Hall, 2002)
- David Crystal: The Cambridge Encyclopedia of English Language (CUP, 2003)
- Sailaja Pingali: Indian English (Edinburgh University Press, 2009)
- Gerry Knowles: A Cultural History of the English Language (Routledge, 2014)

## Module Sessions

## Module I: < The Origins>

# (10 hours)

Indo-European Origins; Major changes from Indo-European to Germanic; The early history of English language; First sound shift - Grimm's Law and Verner's Law

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## Activities:

- a) Assignment 1
- b) Quiz 1

# Module II: < Old English and Middle English>

#### (20 hours)

Transition from Old English to Middle English; Scandinavian invasions; French Influence; Latin and Greek influence; Rise of a London Standard; Influence of the Bible; Word making in English; Changes in the meaning of words; Phonological and Grammatical changes.

# Reading:

- a) A.C. Baugh and T. Cable: A History of the English Language (Prentice Hall, 2002)
- b) Campbell, Lyle: Historical Linguistics (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.). Cambridge. MIT Press. 2004
- Mitchell, Bruce: An invitation to Old English and Anglo-Saxon England.
  Oxford. 1995
- d) F.T. Wood: An Outline History of English Language (Macmillan, 2000)

# Activities:

- a) Assignment 2, 3
- b) Quiz 2

## Module III: <Modern English>

## (15 Hours)

Transition from Middle English to Modern English – expansion of vocabulary, innovation in pronunciation and conservation of spelling; Great Vowel Shift; Features of Modern English; Standardisation; Colonialism and English language.

# Reading:

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# Activities:

- a) Individual Presentation 1
- b) Assignment 4
- c) Quiz 4

# Module IV: < Varieties of English

#### (15 Hours)

National Varieties of English; World English; English in India; Indian English; Changes in meaning; New words; Loan words from other languages.

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## Activity:

- a) Quiz 5
- b) Individual Presentation- 2

## **Evaluation Pattern**

## **Evaluation Matrix**

	Component	Weightage	Total	Tentative	Course
	Туре	Percentage	Marks	Dates	Outcome
Continuous					Mapping
Internal	Assignments	20	40		CO1, CO2,
Assessment					CO3
(CIA)	Quizzes	20	50		CO1, CO2,
Components					CO3
	Mid	20	40		CO1, CO2,
	semester				CO3

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	exam			
	Individual	10	20	CO3, CO4
	Presentation			
	CIA Marks	70	160	
ESE		30	50	CO1, CO2,
				CO3, CO4