Development of the English Language: Tracing the Origins and Understanding the Changes

**Programme(s) in which it is offered: B.A.B.Ed. English**

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| **Course Category**: Core | **Schedule of Offering**: Even |
| **Course Credit Structure: 4** | **Course Code: ENG1213** |
| **Total Number of Hours: 60** | **Contact Hours Per Week: 4** |
| **Lecture: 4** | **Tutorial: 0** |
| **Practical: 0** | **Medium of Instruction:** |
| **Date of Revision: 18-2-2021** | **Skill Focus:** Employability |
| **Short Name of the Course: DEL** | **Course Stream (Only for Minor Courses):** |
| **Grading Method:** Regular | **Repeatable:** Credit |
| **Course Level:** Intermediate |  |

# 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

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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

**PO-CO Mapping Matrix**

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| CO/PO Mapping | PO1 | PO2 | PO3 | PO4 | PO5 | PO6 |
| CO1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CO2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CO3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CO4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CO5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

# Prerequisites and other constraints

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:

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* J. Alego and C.A. Butcher: The Origins and Development of the English Language (Cengage Learning, 2013)

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* 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)
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* 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)

# Evaluation Pattern

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| Continuous | Component Type | Weightage Percentage | Total Marks | Tentative Dates | Course Outcome  Mapping |
| Internal Assessment (CIA)  Components | Assignments | 25% of CIA | 7.5 |  | CO1, CO2,  CO3 |
| Quizzes | 17% of CIA | 5 |  | CO1, CO2,  CO3 |
| Mid semester  exam | 50% of CIA | 15 |  | CO1, CO2, CO3 |
| Individual  Presentation | 8% of CIA | 2.5 |  | CO3, CO4 |
| CIA Marks | 100% (to be converted into 30) | 30 |  |  |
| ESE | | 70 | 70 |  | CO1, CO2,  CO3, CO4 |

\* The assignments involved in CIA will be subject to plagiarism checks. A submission with unexplained similarities exceeding 30% for Undergraduate courses, 20% for Postgraduate courses and 10% for PhD courses will be reverted for resubmission. The final submission is subject to score penalization as defined by the course instructor at the start of the course, with a clear communication of the same to all the registered candidates.

**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:

1. Assignment 1
2. 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.

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# Reading:

1. A.C. Baugh and T. Cable: A History of the English Language (Prentice Hall, 2002)
2. Campbell, Lyle: Historical Linguistics (2nd Ed.). Cambridge. MIT Press. 2004
3. Mitchell, Bruce: An invitation to Old English and Anglo-Saxon England.

Oxford. 1995

1. F.T. Wood: An Outline History of English Language (Macmillan, 2000)

# Activities:

1. Assignment 2, 3
2. 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:

1. Individual Presentation 1
2. Assignment 4
3. 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:

1. Quiz 5
2. Individual Presentation- 2