



Universitat de Lleida

DEGREE CURRICULUM  
**HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE**

Coordination: MANCHO BARES, GUZMAN

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## Subject's general information

<b>Subject name</b>	HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE			
<b>Code</b>	101263			
<b>Semester</b>	1st Q(SEMESTER) CONTINUED EVALUATION			
<b>Typology</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Character</b>	<b>Modality</b>
	Bachelor's Degree in English Studies	3	COMPULSORY	Attendance-based
	Double degree: Bachelor's degree in English Studies and Bachelor's degree in Applied Languages and Translation	4	COMPULSORY	Attendance-based
<b>Course number of credits (ECTS)</b>	6			
<b>Type of activity, credits, and groups</b>	<b>Activity type</b>	PRAULA		TEORIA
	<b>Number of credits</b>	3		3
	<b>Number of groups</b>	1		1
<b>Coordination</b>	MANCHO BARES, GUZMAN			
<b>Department</b>	FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES			
<b>Important information on data processing</b>	Consult <a href="#">this link</a> for more information.			
<b>Language</b>	English			

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## Subject's extra information

Students who want to ask for alternative assessment must submit an employment contract or justify, in a letter addressed to the Dean, the reasons that make it impossible for him/her to carry out the continuous assessment within five (5) days after the beginning of the semester. For information, please send an e-mail to [lletres.secretariacentre@udl.cat](mailto:lletres.secretariacentre@udl.cat) or ask for information at the Faculty's academic office (Secretaria Acadèmica de la Facultat de Lletres).

The alternative assessment system is organized as follows: Students will have to take one exam with two parts (50% worth of the final mark each part): theoretical part and practical part. To pass the subject it is mandatory to pass both parts. Since the test is equivalent to 100% of the final assessment mark, the student has the right to take a resit exam of the that s/he has failed; the mark of the part that s/he has passed will be kept. Students need to pass the part of the exam taken in the resit exam in order to calculate the average mark of the subject. If s/he fails one or both parts, the final mark will be SUSP 3 in the student's transcript of records.

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## Learning objectives

### LEARNING OUTCOMES

- To make use of the theoretical and conceptual tools necessary to explain, from a theoretical or practical point of view, the diachronic development of the English language and its implementation as a language of global use.

### ACADEMIC OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

- To explain how the English language has evolved from medieval times to the current situation
- To identify the most important orthographic, phonological, morphological, syntactic and lexical features of

Old English, Middle English and Modern English

- To illustrate the impact of the most relevant historical facts to the linguistic system
- To apply etymological analysis to written historical texts
- To analyze the contribution of diachronic studies of English on English language teaching and learning processes
- To interpret Present-day English grammatical phenomena from a historical perspective

## Competences

### GENERAL COMPETENCES

- CG2 Analyze and synthesize data coming from different sources
- CG16 Use terminology and techniques from the disciplinary or professional field

### SPECIFIC COMPETENCES

- CE3 Describe the diachronic evolution of the English language, as well as the reasons and scope of its implementation as a global language
- CE6 Identify and implement the foundations of scientific research in linguistics, literature and culture in English
- CE7 Apply disciplinary knowledge to a professional context

## Subject contents

- Unit 1. Introduction to History of the English Language (HEL)
- Unit 2. Foundational principles of HEL and the external history of Old English
- Unit 3. The internal history of Old English: phonology, morphology and syntax.
- Unit 4. The external and internal history of Middle English: phonology, morphology and syntax.
- Unit 5. Internal history of Early Modern English: phonological changes and vocabulary expansion

## Methodology

During the academic year 2022-23, this subject will follow a face-to-face pedagogical model.

The learning methodology will combine interactive lectures and solving exercises (short questions, phonological transcription, morphosyntactic analysis).

In the event that the pedagogical model becomes hybrid, combining presence and virtuality, the following approach would be followed:

- In the face-to-face classes, it is planned to follow different learning methodologies: interactive lectures and solving exercises.
- The hours of virtual teaching will be typified mainly as hours of autonomous learning. For this purpose, the students will be provided with learning materials and resources in the Virtual Campus to carry out the exercises, which they will carry out individually or in groups. The following tools will be used, available in SAKAI: wiki, creation of a new text, creation of a new web page, as well as other tools available on the web that allow cooperative work.
- It is possible to schedule synchronous videoconferences for the programmed virtual teaching hours of the subject. The tasks in these videoconferences would be (the list is not exhaustive):
  - presentation of new content with PPT support by the instructor
  - presentation of new content with PPT support by the students
  - exercise correction and provision of corrective feedback

## Development plan

This is a tentative distribution of the sessions according to the topics planned throughout the semestre:

- Week 1: Unit 1. Introduction to History of the English Language (HEL)
  - The modern spelling system of English seen from a diachronic perspective
- Week 2: Unit 2. Foundational principles of HEL and the external history of Old English
- Weeks 3-6: Unit 3. The internal history of Old English: phonology, morphology and syntax.
- Weeks 7-10: Unit 4. The external and internal history of Middle English: phonology, morphology and syntax.
- Weeks 11-14: Unit 5. Modern English: phonological changes and vocabulary expansion
- Week 15: Exam of the practical part (see Evaluation)

## Evaluation

- Exams: 70%. Students need to pass both exams to pass the subject. If a student passes one exam but fails the other, the passing mark will be kept if s/he takes the resitting exam. In that case, the resitting exam of the part failed needs to be passed, to pass the subject.
  - date/place of the partial exam: (last class session; usual classroom) 30%
  - date/place of the practical exam: (to be determined) 40%
  - date/place of the resitting exam of both parts: to be determined)
  - if s/he fails one or both parts of the resitting exam, the final mark will be SUSP 3 in the student's transcript of records.
- Written assignment: 30%. Etymological analysis of a text originally written in Middle English or Modern English
- If academic fraud or spontaneous copying is detected, we will apply what is established in the Regulations for the Assessment and Grading of Student Learning in UdL Bachelor's and Master's Degrees.

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