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Course description:

One of the most astonishing aspects of the English language is its comparatively young age. It began to establish itself in England only some 1500 years ago. As in many other cases, it came into existence as a result of the split of one people into two, thereby providing an opportunity for the separate development of two variants which eventually turned into different languages. The development in England led to the language that is commonly referred to as Old English (c. 700 - 1100). Even though only about 1000 years have gone by since, this language is quite remote from English as we know it today.

This course aims to initiate students into this oldest forerunner of Modern English. The historical perspective will make us sensitive to the ever-changing nature of language and the interlocking of language and the extralinguistic world. An overview of the structure of Old English at all core levels of linguistic analysis will be provided with special emphasis on its dynamic nature. We will combine these more general accounts with concrete analyses of Old English texts (with Beowulf being a likely choice). Thus, the course has both a theoretical linguistic and a more practical orientation.

It is probably appropriate to teach this course in German as the translations are from Old English into German.

There will be a written exam at the end of the course.

There are a host of textbooks available on Old English. Among the recommendable introductions are the following:

- Lehnert, Martin: *Altenglisches Elementarbuch*. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 1973.
- Weimann, Klaus: *Einführung ins Altenglische*. München: Fink, 1995.
- Mitchell, Bruce & Fred C. Robinson: *A guide to Old English*. Oxford: Blackwell, 1991.
- Hogg, Richard M. (ed.): *The Cambridge history of the English language*. Vol. 1: The beginnings to 1066. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992.

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