HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Course code: ENP311
- DEPARTMENT: English
- Year/Semester: 3rd year / 6th semester
- Compulsory/Optional: compulsory
- Course prerequisites: completion of Introduction to linguistics and Introduction to English Literature
- Weeks per semester/Hours weekly: 15 / 2
- Student's workload (ECTS): 2

Learning outcomes and competences:
Students acquire the ability to approach linguistic change and maintenance through analytical study of the Old English, Middle English and Modern English texts.

Aims / Course description:
The course is an overview of the development of English from the very beginnings to the present day. Unlike other European languages, English underwent enormous change in phonology, morphology, syntax and vocabulary. The causes of such a great change are numerous. Some are due to contacts with other languages, especially with those of higher prestige in given periods, as Latin after Christianization, or French after the Norman Conquest. Other reasons of change lie in language itself, as for example, in its tendency to decrease effort in articulation. This course tries to lighten the nature of English and the most important factors, external and internal, that have influenced linguistic change as well as maintenance.
- Teaching methods: lectures, seminars
- Assessment methods: participation in class discussions, translation assignments, seminar paper, final exam
- Quality assurance methods: student evaluation of teaching through anonymous questionnaires; teacher self-evaluation according to student activities in class and additional consultations outside class; examination results

Literature
a) compulsory
Maček, Dora (2003): A Short History of the English Language (a script), www.ffzg.hr/anglist/
b) additional