



HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Bachelor in English and American Language, Literature and History
Faculty of Liberal Arts

Course information

Bachelor year 3 12 HOURS
Fall Semester 2 ECTS
Lectures (CM)
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Course description

This lecture course aims at describing the evolution of the English language from the time the very first Germanic tribes set foot on the island down to Early Modern English (late 16th century). In other words, it focusses on Old English and Middle English and ends up with Renaissance language and the Great Vowel Shift. An important part of the course is devoted to historical and cultural aspects that have had an influence on the evolution of the English language. A basic knowledge of European and British history is therefore required.