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HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE (LECTURE)

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

Course information

Bachelor year 3 12 HOURS Spring Semester 2 ECTS

Lectures (CM)

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Course Code: FDL_AN_L3_S6_CM_HIST_LANG

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.