English 140A Fall 2012 Professor Stork MW 1330-1445

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Office Hours: M 830-1030, W 1615-1715 and by appointment

This course is a linguistically-based, historically-informed introduction to Old English. We will begin with pronunciation and end with short poems. This course combined with English 292 in the spring will fulfill the English Department language requirement for undergraduates. For graduate credit, please see me about doing a brief reading exam.

Course Reader:

Introduction to Old English, Peter S. Baker, 2nd or 3rd edition. (Second edition is available in paper, third edition is available in paper or on-line.)

Please read the relevant sections and do the relevant translations in advance of class. You will be called on everyday.

Grading:

Grades will be calculated as follows:

Two Midterms: 40%
Translation Project: 30%
Class Participation: 30%

Late work can only be accepted in the case of genuine and compelling emergencies beyond your control. If you let me know as soon as possible about such an emergency,

Please see me if you need Disability Accommodations or have an unalterable university commitment that conflicts with an exam date.

All work must be your own, particularly exams. I do not mind if you study and do homework together with another student, as along as you both contribute actively to the process.

Schedule of Classes:

Aug	22	Introduction
_	27	Chapter 1 and 2
	29	Chapter 3, Basic Grammar
Sep	5	Chapter 4, Case
-	10	Chapter 5, Pronouns, Mini-Text A
	12	Chapter 5
	17	Chapter 6, Nouns, Mini-Text B
	19	Chapter 6
	24	Chapter 7 Verbs, Mini-Text C
	26	Chapter 7
Oct	1	Chapter 7
	3	MidTerm Exam
	8	Chapter 8 Adjectives, Mini-Text D
	10	Chapter 9 Numerals, Mini-Text E
	15	Chapter 10, Adverbs, etc. Mini-Text F
	17	Chapter 11, Concord, Mini-Text G
	22	Chapter 12, Word-order, Mini-Text H
	24	Chapter 13, Metre, Mini-Text I
	29	Chapter 14, Poetic Style, Mini-Text J
	31	The Fall of Adam and Eve
Nov	5	Midterm Exam
	7	Cynewulf and Cyneheard
	12	Cynewulf and Cyneheard
	14	The Story of Caedmon
	19	The Story of Caedmon
	21	The Wanderer
	26	The Wanderer
	28	The Wanderer
Dec	3	Wulf and Eadwacer
	5	The Wife's Lament
	10	The Wife's Lament

Translation Project Due: Monday, December 17, 1215