Courses in Linguistics

A Lin 200 (=A Eng 200)
Structure of English Words (3)

This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. In this new course students will study the structure of English words from a variety of perspectives. We begin by reviewing the history of the English language in general, from the time of the arrival of Germanic peoples to England in the 5th century, through the Norman Invasion in the 11th century, the time of Shakespeare, to the modern day. As we examine the current large and diverse vocabulary of English, we find that while some of it can be characterized as having Germanic roots, much of it has been added from other linguistic sources—most notably French—but also Scandinavian languages, other Romance languages, Arabic, Hindi, Native American languages, and many others. In addition to reviewing very interesting etymologies of a number of English words, we will develop a particular focus on the many English words with Greek and Latin roots. One goal of the class will be vocabulary-building, as students learn these Greek and Latin roots, enabling them to parse out and understand a great number of words which may have previously been unfamiliar to them.

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