



COURSE DESCRIPTION

2016 Winter Session (2016-2017 Academic Year)

ENGL 319A-001: Middle English to the Present Day - Ina Biermann

History of the English Language: Later History

Term: 2

TTh, 11:00 a.m.

The course follows the development of the English language from around 1100 to the present, with attention to selected historical events shaping the language, starting with the Norman Conquest up to recent events of the postcolonial era. Students do a hands-on project investigating the language and pronunciation of Shakespeare with the help of Original Pronunciation (Crystal 2005), comparing Shakespeare's speech with their own pronunciation, and complete a mini-assignment on the pronunciation of present-day varieties. There is one mid-term test and a final exam. The prescribed book is Brinton & Arnovick (2011). More details are available on the course website on connect.ubc.ca.