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DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICAL STUDIES**

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Classical Studies 2800a.001
Greek and Latin Elements in English
Fall 2014
Th 7:00-9:00, SH 2355

COURSE OBJECTIVES: This course is designed to introduce the student to the influence of Greek and Latin on the English language. No prior knowledge of Greek or Latin is expected, or necessary.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES: Students who diligently and steadily follow this course will

- augment their English vocabulary with hundreds of new words
- be able to recognize the meaning of many technical and professional words of the arts and sciences (for example, iconoclasm, enervating, and nephrolithotomy)
- become more familiar with the history of the English language and the rich historical and mythological origins of many of its expressions.

EVALUATION: All tests are cumulative with the same format—1/2 short answer; 1/2 word analysis.

Quiz 1	15%
Midterm	35%
Final Examination	50%

Required Texts:

Dunmore, C.W., *Studies in Etymology*, Focus Books, 2nd ed. (2008)

Any comprehensive English dictionary with etymological aids, or an etymological dictionary

Online Etymological Resources:

<http://www.hyperdictionary.com/>

<http://www.etymonline.com/> (informative, but slow)

<http://www.m-w.com/dictionary.htm>

NOTE FROM THE DEAN OF ARTS and HUMANITIES: You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites and that you have not taken an antirequisite course. Lack of prerequisites may not be used as basis of appeal. If you are not eligible for a course, you may be removed from it at any time, and you will receive no adjustment to your fees. These decisions cannot be appealed.

PLAGIARISM: Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage of text from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

POLICY ON ACCOMMODATION FOR MEDICAL ILLNESS: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf
[downloadable Student Medical Certificate (SMC): <https://studentservices.uwo.ca> [under the Medical Documentation heading]
Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams and/or assignments worth 10% or more of their final grade must apply to the Office of the Dean of their home faculty and provide documentation.
ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION CANNOT BE GRANTED BY THE INSTRUCTOR OR DEPARTMENT.

UWO ACCESSIBILITY POLICY. Western has many services and programs that support the personal, physical, social and academic needs of students with disabilities. For more information and links to these services:
<http://accessibility.uwo.ca/students/index.htm>

WESTERN SUPPORT SERVICES: Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health @ Western
<http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

NOTES:

- 1.** This course requires you to be familiar with over 300 suffixes, stems, prefixes. This familiarity cannot be gained by cramming the night before. You must look ahead and plan your time accordingly.
- 2.** Although you may always make an appointment outside office hours if they conflict with other obligations, I would prefer to meet during them. Office hours are not a substitute for missed classes; they are to an aid to students having difficulty understanding the material.
- 3.** Test questions will be based on class discussion and the assigned readings. Those who miss classes or parts of classes remain responsible for the material they have missed. I will not review the contents of lectures or repeat announcements for those who arrive late or miss classes.
- 4.** There is no extra credit or re-weighting in this course.
- 5.** Students should consult WebCT throughout the year for further information about the course, including the formats of the midterms and final exam.
- 6.** This class is smaller than most 2000-level classes, so I expect you to assist me in keeping unnecessary distractions to a minimum. For example, if you think you may have to leave early or arrive late, try to secure a seat close to the exits.
- 7.** Only on the documented basis of illness or other extreme circumstance will students be permitted to write a make-up test. In the case of illness, a student must contact the instructor immediately to arrange a make-up, and then submit supporting documentation to the Academic Counselling Office in his/her faculty. The make-up may differ in format from the original test. Students with conflicts or who are unable to write an exam based upon compassionate grounds (supported by appropriate documents), may apply in writing prior to the exam to their course lecturer to be excused.
- 8.** During all tests, no electronic devices of any kind will be permitted. I will pursue evidence of cheating to the utmost; students should familiarize themselves with the possible ramifications of academic misconduct by reading the following pdf file:
<http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholoff.pdf>. Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.
- 9.** Request for a re-grade must be made within two weeks of posting of grades for the quiz and midterm.

Tentative Schedule for CS 2800

Sep 4 Overview of Course, Lesson 1

Sep 11 Lesson 1 & 2

Sep 18 Lesson 3

Sep 25 **Quiz;** Lesson 4

Oct 2 Lessons 5

Oct 9 Lesson 6

Oct 16 Lessons 7

Oct 23 **Midterm**

Oct 30 Lesson 8 & 9

Nov 6 Lesson 9 & 10

Nov 13 Lesson 11 & 12

Nov 20 Lessons 13 & 14

Nov 27 Review Class