

Syllabus
Continental West Germanic (The Evolution of German & Dutch)
LIN 4930 (\$0398) and 6932 (\$2595)
T 7 R 7 & 8
(Spring 2014, 03 credits)

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Course Website -- <http://users.clas.ufl.edu/drjdg/gerdut/>

Course Objectives

To introduce and explore the evolution of modern German and Dutch. This will include history, sound changes, language changes, cultural movements, political intrigue, and many other aspects of humanity to enliven the narrative.

Required Reading

All readings will be provided on the course website.

Weekly Schedule (Approximate)

Week	Dates	Lecture
1	6, 8 January	History of Germanic - Continental West Germanic Overview
2	13, 15 January	Old High German
3	20, 22 January	Old High German
4	27, 29 January	Old High German
5	3, 5 February	Old Low Franconian
6	10, 12 February	Old Low Franconian - Exam
7	17, 19 February	Middle High German
8	24, 26 February	Middle High German
9	10, 12 March	Middle High German
10	17, 19 March	Middle Dutch
11	24, 26 March	Middle Dutch
12	31 March - 2 April	Middle Dutch - Exam
13	7, 9 April	Toward a modern <i>Hochdeutsch</i>
14	14, 16 April	Toward a modern <i>algemeen beschaafd nederlands</i>
15	21 April	Exam

Test Dates (Also Approximate)

12 February

2 April

22 April

Testing and Requirements

Your grade in this course will be based upon your performance on three 1-hour exams. Graduate students will also be required to do a research paper (details to follow). Since I trust that you are all responsible, mature adults, homework may be assigned but will not be graded. It will be reviewed and discussed in class. Likewise, attendance will not be recorded, but you are strongly encouraged to attend regularly. While lecture notes will be posted on the course website, they are only outlines of the material discussed in class.

Hourly tests based on the lectures, handouts, and readings will be given at the scheduled time only. There will be no make-ups without an official written excuse or other documentation authorizing an emergency absence. Failure to take a test will be recorded as an automatic zero. Tests will be cumulative but emphasize the material presented after the previous hourly test.

All grades will be based on a 100 point scale. **At the end of the semester, all three grades will be averaged together and divided by three (3). Hence, the three tests are of equal value, i.e. 33% of your grade (graduate students will receive four grades - each of which will count for 25% of the total).** Your final averaged number grade will correspond to the following letter grade:

Points	Letter Grade
100 - 93	A
92 - 90	A -
89 - 87	B +
86 - 83	B
82 - 80	B-
79 - 77	C+
76 - 73	C
72 - 70	C-
69 - 67	D+
66 - 63	D
62 - 60	D-
59 & Below	E

Please see the UF website for the policy regarding grading policies and assigning grade points:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY WILL RESULT IN AN AUTOMATIC 'E' FOR THE COURSE

Please see the UF website for the policy regarding plagiarism and academic honesty in general:

<https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>

Students with Disabilities

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

Class Demeanor

This is a course that touches on many aspects of human history and human existence. There is a good chance that during the course, at least one long-held belief of yours will be challenged and/or examined. Please do not take this personally. In fact, feel free to join in the discussion, ask questions, and contribute to the exploration of ideas that is learning. Just please remember to do it in a courteous and civil manner.

By the same token, please be considerate of your classmates when dealing with the wonders of this networked age. Put your cell phones on "silent" mode during class, turn the volume down on your laptops, and ignore us quietly while networking.

Communication

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. ***Email is my preferred form of communication.*** If a problem arises, it is always a good idea to contact me either **before** you act or **as soon as possible** afterward.