

Course number and section: ENGL 340-101

Course Topic: Introduction to Old English

Credits: 3

Term: Winter 2

Instructor: Michael Treschow

Course Description (100-150 words):

This course introduces the Old English language in several of its literary forms: epic poetry, devotional poetry, homilies, saints' lives, biblical translation, philosophy, and medical charms and recipes. Students will read several Old English works in translation, but will also learn Old English grammar and syntax in order to read shorter poems and excerpts of prose in their original language. In this course, we will study the influence of Christianity on early English culture through the interaction of Anglo-Saxons with European and even Middle Eastern nations. We will also consider the impact of the Viking invasions as depicted in Old English literature.

Other:

Required textbooks will include Broadview's edition of *Beowulf* (translated by Roy Liuzza), and Broadview's *A Gentle Introduction to Old English* (by Murray McGillivray). Other readings will be supplied by the instructor.