Module Title: History of English

Module Code: LIN212

Credit Value: 15

Level: 5

Pre-requisite modules:

Content Description

Wilcume, leornere! This module will examine the diverse events and processes that have determined the shape and uses of English over time. We will use insights from sociolinguistics, historical linguistics, and general linguistics to account for the defining characteristics of the language in different periods, including the present day. Lectures will focus on socio-historical developments, while seminars will analyse a range of data to understand the structures of Old English, Middle English, Early Modern English, and Present-Day English.

Module Aims

In this module, you will:

- learn about Old English, Middle English, Early and Late Modern English;
- learn about how English became a world language;
- get hands-on experience in analysing Old and Middle English texts;
- gain insights into the historical and social events that shaped English;
- identify linguistic processes affecting the language.