

**Course Code: BEL-C101**

**Course Title: History of English**

**Core/Elective: Core**

**Credits: 3**

### **Course Description**

This course will familiarize the students with the origin and development of the English language beginning with its Indo-European roots and range along the important events that marked its growth such as the Great Vowel Shift, the influences of translations, especially of the Bible, the Renaissance, and briefly survey its modern avatars on the internet and the electronic media. The course will study sample texts from Old English, the Middle English Period, and Early Modern English. The influence of the invasions by the Romans, the Vikings, and the Normans will be examined with a special focus on vocabulary

### **Course Outcomes**

1. Gain knowledge and understanding of English language and its origin; and
2. Apply the gained knowledge to interpret literary texts better and more broadly, and engage with the language *qua* language.

### **Prescribed Reading**

Baugh, A. C. and Thomas Cable. *A History of the English Language*. London: Routledge, 2012.  
Mugglestone, Rebecca, ed. *Oxford History of English*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006.

### **Evaluation Scheme**

There will be two internal examinations of twenty marks each, and one semester-end examination for sixty marks.