

English Language and Linguistics: History of the English Language Graduate Level Academic Credit Certificate Program

The English Language and Linguistics Program in the Department of English offers a “Graduate Certificate in History of the English Language.” Students wishing to enroll in the Program have to make application to the Graduate School to get credit. (For information about the admissions process, contact the English Graduate Office at griff@purdue.edu.) Students currently admitted to a degree program as well as those who are non-degree seeking are eligible to earn a certificate. Students may complete the certificate independently of their field of study.

Prerequisite: ENGL 50600: Introduction to Linguistics:

The required Courses are:

ENGL 51000: History of the English Language

ENGL 61100: Old English Language

ENGL 61300: Middle English Language

Additional Courses (Take 2)

ENGL 56300: Historical Linguistics

ENGL 61600: Introduction to Old Norse

ENGL 61200: Old English Literature

ENGL 61400: Middle English Literature

ENGL 63100: World Englishes*

*With the permission of the Director of English Languages and Linguistics a student may substitute a seminar on World Englishes; for example, ENGL 62900 Seminar in English as a Second Language: World Englishes

To fulfill the certificate requirements, a minimum GPA of 3.0 must be attained and a minimum grade of “B-minus” earned for any course that is to be applied to the certificate. All courses must be taken for a letter grade.

A maximum of 6 credits may be transferred from other institutions to meet the requirements of the certificate if the Director of the History of the English Language Certificate Program, upon consultation with the English Language and Linguistic faculty, approves. Only graduate courses with a grade of “B-minus” or above and completed within 5 years prior to the awarding of the certificate will be accepted.

Maximum time allowed for completion of the certificate is 5 years.

Courses may be applied for credit toward the completion of more than 1 certificate.

Six (6) hours of coursework taken prior to admission to the Certificate Program may be counted toward completion of the Certificate Program.

Six (6) hours from the certificate program may be “transferred” to a degree program if a student is later admitted to our MA or PhD program. 26

Admission (application to Graduate School) to a certificate program must be done by the end of the first week of classes of any semester.

For information about program courses and requirements, contact Professor Shaun F. D. Hughes at sfdh@purdue.edu.