

# XL 10 “STRUCTURE OF ENGLISH WORDS”

(Online)

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## Course Description

In this course, we will look at the structural elements of English words and study how they combine to derive the vocabulary of English. We will also look at the development of the English vocabulary over time, sources of new words, articulation of sounds, sound and meaning change, and the origin of English and related languages. The course will emphasize practical skills of morphological analysis. At the end of the course you will be able to analyze complex words, including technical words you have not seen before, have a firm grasp of basic patterns of English word formation, enrich your vocabulary, and acquire a basic understanding of the history of English.

## Grade Breakdown

Term Paper:	15%
Section Quizzes:	15%
Online Participation:	10%
Homework Assignments:	60%

## Textbook

Denning, Keith, Brett Kessler, and William R. Leben. 2007. *English Vocabulary Elements*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

## Course Outline

“BB” refers to materials posted on Blackboard.

Week	Dates	Topics	Readings	Due Dates
1	9/20-9/26	Sources of English Words.	Chapter 1; Morpheme Set 1.	
2	9/27-10/3	Phonetics: Analyzing English Sounds.	Chapter 5; BB “English Consonants and Vowels” & “Phonological Processes”; Morpheme Set 2.	Homework 1 is due on 10/3.
3	10/4-10/10	Morphology: Analyzing Complex Words.	Chapter 3; BB Stockwell and Minkova; Morpheme Set 3.	Quiz 1 has to be taken before 10/10.
4	10/11-10/17	Allomorphy: Different Morpheme Shapes.	Chapter 4; Morpheme Set 4.	Homework 2 is due on 10/17.
5	10/18-10/24	More Allomorphy.	Chapter 6; Morpheme Set 5.	
6	10/25-10/31	Classical Languages: Elements of Greek & Latin Morphology.	Chapter 9; Morpheme Set 6.	Homework 3 is due on 10/31.
7	11/1-11/7	Later Changes from Latin to French to English.	Chapter 11; Morpheme Set 7.	Quiz 2 has to be taken before 11/17.
8	11/8-11/14	Origins of English and Related Languages: Indo-European Language Family.	Chapter 10; Morpheme Set 8.	Homework 4 is due on 11/14.
9	11/15-11/21	Historical Development of English.	Chapter 2; Morpheme Set 9.	
10	11/22-11/29	Semantic Change.	Chapter 7.	Homework 5 and Term Paper are due on 11/29. Quiz 3 has to be taken before 11/29.