

# ENG 259 DEVELOPMENT OF VOCABULARY

## Syllabus

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### COURSE CREDIT:

Three Semester Hours

### PREREQUISITES:

none

### COURSE MATERIALS:

#### Required Textbook:

Ayers, Donald M. *English Words from Latin and Greek Elements*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 1986. ISBN: 0816508992

A College level Dictionary and a Thesaurus

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to increase the student's vocabulary through a systematic word-building approach. The emphasis is on learning word families through the study of bases, prefixes, and suffixes derived from the Greek and Latin languages. During this course, the students will study bases, prefixes, and suffixes derived from the Latin and Greek languages. A thorough grasp of the units from which complex words are formed is crucial if we want to be able to understand and use sophisticated discourse. This course is especially valuable for students who plan to take graduate school entrance exams.

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## **COURSE OBJECTIVES/STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

- The students will learn to recognize common prefixes and suffixes.
- The students will learn to recognize common bases.
- The students will be able to break down complex words into smaller units and therefore understand the meanings of these words.
- The students will be able to increase their vocabulary.
- The students will be able to write on a more sophisticated level.
- The students will come to understand different parts of speech and their uses in a sentence.

## **COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

The course is split into two sections: the Latin section and the Greek section. Each lesson will introduce prefixes, bases, and/or suffixes. The students should study these carefully and memorize them. Each lesson will require homework, explained in detail in the study guide. After the Latin section has been completed, the students will take the midterm. The final will be taken after the Greek section has been completed. This course is labor-intensive. Please allow enough time to study each lesson. You may turn in several lessons at the time. All homework will be returned with comments and suggestions.

## **GRADE DISTRIBUTION AND SCALE:**

In alignment with ASC academic policies, no D may apply to a major or minor field.

### **Grade Distribution:**

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| Exercises    | 30% |
| Midterm Exam | 30% |
| Final Exam   | 40% |

### **Scale:**

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| 900-1000 points      | A |
| 800-899 points       | B |
| 700-799 points       | C |
| 600-699 points       | D |
| 599 points and below | F |