

L530 **Historical Linguistics** Fall 2001 (T/R 2:30–3:45 WH 116)

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Course requirements: (1) Class attendance, (2) Final exam, (3) Mid-term exam, (4) Problems, (5) Brief written or oral assignments (?), (6) Book review (?). [No term paper]

Text: Trask, R. L. 1996. *Historical Linguistics*. London: Arnold.

COURSE OUTLINE

- Week 1** (8/28–8/30) Trask, chap. 1
T: Diachrony vs. synchrony R: Historical lx / language change
- Week 2** (9/4–6) Trask, chap. 3, 4
T: Sound change (mechanisms) R: Sound change (mergers/splits)
- Week 3** (9/11–13) Trask, chap. 4, chap. 8, §8.4
T: Sound change (English vowel shift) R: Grimm's Law, Grassmann's Law
- Week 4** (9/18–20) Trask, chap. 8
T: Klingenberg's Law R: The Comparative Method–1
- Week 5** (9/25–27)
T: The Comparative Method–2 R: The Comparative Method–3
- Week 6** (10/2–4) Trask, chap. 9
T: Internal Reconstruction–1 R: Internal Reconstruction–2
- Week 7** (10/9–11)
T: Review R: *Mid-term Exam*
- Week 8** (10/16–18) Trask, chap. 7 (not including §7.1, 7.2)
T: *Discussion of Exam* R: Classification (Principles & Methods)
- Week 9** (10/23–25) Trask, chap. 7
T: Subclassification R: Classification (Language families)
- Week 10** (10/30–11/1) Trask, chap. 13, chap. 5
T: Classification (Remote relationships) R: Morphological change–1
- Week 11** (11/6–8) Trask, chap. 6
T: Morphological change–2 R: Grammaticalization
- Week 12** (11/16–18) Trask, chap. 2
T: Lexical growth and change–1 R: Lexical growth and change–2
- Week 13** (11/23–25) Trask, chap. 6
T: Syntactic change R: **Thanksgiving** (11/25)
- Week 14** (11/30–12/2) Trask, chap. 2, chap. 11
T: Language contact–1 • R: Language contact–2
- Week 15** (12/7–9) Trask, chap. 12
T: Language and prehistory R: Review
- Week 16** — *Final Exam* (Thursday 12/13, 2:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.)