Course Title: The Story of English: A 1500-Year Journey  
Course Code: LIN 06 W  
Instructor: Dr. Asya Pereltsvaig

Course Summary:  
This is an introductory course whose goal is to familiarize students with the 15-century-long history of English and how it produced the peculiarities of English pronunciation and spelling, word forms, grammar, and regional variation observable today.

*Please see course page for full description and additional details.

Grade Options and Requirements:

• No Grade Requested (NGR)  
  o This is the default option. No work will be required; no credit shall be received; no proof of attendance can be provided.

• Credit/No Credit (CR/NC)  
  o Score will be determined by student participation in online discussion and completion of assignments.

• Letter Grade (A, B, C, D, No Pass)  
  o Score will be determined by student participation in online discussion and the grade for the assignments.

*Please Note: If you require proof that you completed a Continuing Studies course for any reason (for example, employer reimbursement), you must choose either the Letter Grade or Credit/No Credit option. Courses taken for NGR will not appear on official transcripts or grade reports.

Textbook:

Tentative Weekly Outline:
Week 1: English is constantly changing: for better or for worse? The roots of English.  
Week 2: The Anglo-Saxons and their language. The Celtic Hypothesis.  
Week 3: The Vikings and Old English. Is English really Engelsk?  
Week 4: The Norman Conquest and Middle English.  
Week 5: Pronunciation changes in Renaissance English.  
Week 6: The Early Modern Period: Shakespeare, Samuel Johnson and the printing press.  
Week 7: How English came to America.  
Week 8: The Englishes of the world.