

### Course Specification for Historical Linguistics

<b>College</b>	Zulfi College of Education		
<b>Department</b>	English Language Department		
<b>Course Name:</b>	Historical Linguistics	<b>Course Code</b>	ENG 414
<b>Level</b>	7	<b>Credit Hours</b>	3hrs.
<b>Course Objective</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The aim of the course is to provide a grounding in subject-related knowledge and the methods and working techniques of Historical Linguistics. It provides a differentiated viewpoint of the phenomenon of language and linguistic change.</li> <li>2. The course prepares students for careers that involve linguistic communication and/or dealing with language: e.g. in the area of media/press/public relations, publishing, cultural management, training and business.</li> </ol>		
<b>Course Content</b>	1. Introduction and orientation		
	2. The fact of language change (Chilled, English then and now, the inevitability of language change)		
	3. Lexical and Semantic change		
	4. Phonological change (change in pronunciation/change in phonological system)		
	5. Morphological change (Reanalysis/ Analogy and leveling/ morphologization)		
	6. Syntactic change (shift of marked-ness, syntactic change as a restructuring of grammar, grammaticalization)		
	7. Relatedness between languages		
	8. The Comparative Method		
<b>Required Textbook</b>	Miller, R. M. (2015). Trask's Historical Linguistics, 3rd ed. London: Hodder Arnold		

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