

## COURSE DETAIL

### OLD ENGLISH AND THE LANGUAGES OF THE BRITISH MEDIEVAL ISLES

**Country**

Netherlands

**Host Institution**

Utrecht University

**Program(s)**

Utrecht University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

English

**UCEAP Course Number**

115

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

OLD ENGLISH AND THE LANGUAGES OF THE BRITISH MEDIEVAL ISLES

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

OLD ENGLISH MEDIEVL

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

### **Course Description**

This interdisciplinary course focuses on the languages and cultures of the peoples that dominated the British Isles during the early medieval period (c.400-c.1100) – the Anglo-Saxons, Insular Celts, and Scandinavians – and how they interacted and influenced each other. The course is aimed at students of English and Celtic, so the group is split up accordingly for the seminar sessions. The English track provides a thorough introduction to the Old English language (phonology, syntax, morphology) and helps students develop skills in translating Old English. By placing the study of Old English in its cultural historical context through the translation and discussion of a number of literary and non-literary texts, the course also explores topics such as medieval history writing, learning in Anglo-Saxon England, daily life, the position of women, manuscript culture, and early legal tradition. The Celtic track provides students with a thorough understanding of language change in all its forms (phonological, morphological, syntactic, lexical, etc.), with a strong focus on the Medieval Insular Celtic languages.

### **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

### **Host Institution Course Number**

EN3V18001

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### **Host Institution Campus**

Humanities

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

Languages, Literature and Communication

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