

IES/Linguistics M150 Introduction to Indo-European Linguistics Fall 2011

5 units. Upper Division
Lecture: 4 hours

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Class Description: Lecture, four hours. Prerequisite: Linguistics 1 or 20 or permission of instructor. Indo-European languages (ancient and modern), including their relationships, chief characteristics, writing systems, and sociolinguistic contexts; nature of reconstructed Indo-European proto-language and proto-culture. One or more Indo-European languages may be investigated in detail. P/NP or letter grading.

Formal Course Requirements: grading letter grade or P/NP; midterm = 1/3, final = 2/3

Schedule of Topics and Reading Assignments:

September 26: Methodology & the Indo-European family (Fortson, Chap. 1)
September 28: Proto-Indo-European Culture and Archaeology (Fortson, Chap. 2)
October 3: Proto-Indo-European Phonology (Fortson, Chap. 3)
October 5: Proto-Indo-European Morphology: Introduction & Verb (Fortson, Chaps. 4-5)
October 10: Proto-Indo-European Morphology: Noun (Fortson, Chap. 6)
October 12: Proto-Indo-European Morphology: Pronouns etc. (Fortson, Chap. 7)
October 17: Proto-Indo-European Syntax (Fortson, Chap. 8)
October 19: Anatolian languages (Fortson, Chap. 9)
October 24: Indic languages (Fortson, Chap. 10)
October 26: MIDTERM
October 31: Iranian languages (Fortson, Chap. 11)
November 2: Greek (Fortson, Chap. 12)
November 7: Italic languages (Fortson, Chap. 13)
November 9: Celtic languages (Fortson, Chap. 14)
November 14: Germanic languages (Fortson, Chap. 15)
November 16: Germanic languages continued
November 21: Armenian (Fortson, Chap. 16)
November 23: Tocharian (Fortson, Chap. 17)
November 28: Balto-Slavic languages (Fortson, Chap. 18)
November 30: Albanian and fragmentary languages (Fortson, Chaps. 19-20)

Required Text: Benjamin Fortson, *Indo-European Language and Culture*, Second edition. Wiley-Blackwell, 2010.

Final Examination: Thursday, December 8, 2011, 3:00pm-6:00pm

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