GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

HISTORY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

SUBMITTED BY

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

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Proposal for New Certificate Program

Graduate Certificate Title: History of the English Language

Name of Department and College/School Offering the Graduate Certificate:

Department of English
College of Liberal Arts

Campus: West Lafayette

Approvals:

\[\text{Signature of Department Head} \quad 10-26-2011\]
Nancy J. Peterson, Department of English

\[\text{Signature of Academic Dean} \quad 11-2-11\]
Irwin Weiser, College of Liberal Arts
New Certificate Program  
History of the English Language

I. General Information
a. Title of the proposed certificate program.
History of the English Language

b. A statement describing the purpose of the program, including the need for it, the target audience, the number of students expected to participate in the program, and the relation to relevant existing certificate programs, if any. This statement should also indicate what fraction of the students who are expected to participate in the program will also be concurrently working toward a graduate degree at Purdue.

The purpose of this certificate program is to provide evidence that graduate students in English who complete the program are particularly well qualified to teach undergraduate courses in English Language I: History and Development which is a required course for Middle School and High School Teacher Certification in Indiana and various other states in the Union where the requirement is also listed as a course in the History of the English Language. Students who have the certificate will also signal their qualification to teach graduate courses in this area. Similar programs are offered by other universities. For example, graduate students in English can obtain a Certification in History of the English Language at the University of Notre Dame. Such a certificate program at Purdue University will help make our graduate students in English more competitive on the job market and will be an added attraction in helping attract first class applications for graduate study.

The number of candidates who will likely participate in the program is approximately 2-3 per year. The prime candidates for this certificate are students in Medieval and Renaissance Studies and English Language and Linguistics in the Department of English. It is expected that 100% of the students participating in this program will also be concurrently working toward a graduate degree at Purdue, but the certificate program is open to anyone who is prepared to avail themselves of it.

c. Proposed date of initiation of the certificate program.
Fall 2012

d. Whether certificate is graduate or postbaccalaureate.
This is a graduate certificate.

II. Admission Requirements
A. Items which are specified by the Graduate School
1. Bachelors degree from an accredited institution.
2. Minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0/4.0 with the possibility of conditional admission for applicants who do not meet this requirement.
3. Minimum TOEFL score of 550 or higher on the paper-based test, 213 or higher on the computer-based test, or 77 or higher on the Internet-based test (iBT) for applicants whose native language is not English, with the possibility of allowing exceptions, including substitution of alternate criteria. Applicants who take the TOEFL iBT must achieve the following minimum test scores, in addition to the overall required score of at least 77: reading, 19; listening, 14; speaking, 18, and writing, 18. Applicants taking the IELTS must score at least 6.5 on the Academic Module.

B. Items which are left to the discretion of the graduate program responsible for the certificate, but which must be specified in the proposal for the certificate program
1. Students who are currently admitted to a degree program are eligible to earn a certificate. Such students may complete the certificate if it is not in their field of study.

Prior to being admitted to the certificate program applicants must have completed ENGL 50600: Introduction to Linguistics or a recognized equivalent as determined by the Director of English Language and Linguistics in the Department of English.

III. Completion Requirements

A. Items which are specified by the Graduate School

1. The certificate requires 12 credit hours, taken for a letter grade.
2. No more than 12 credit hours earned in nondegree status, including credit hours earned toward completion of a single certificate or more than one certificate, may be applied toward a graduate degree.
3. Courses that have been certified as undergraduate excess may be used to satisfy requirements for a certificate.

B. Items which are left to the discretion of the graduate program responsible for the certificate, but which must be specified in the proposal for the certificate program
1. Total number of credit hours required: 15
2. Total number of credit hours that must be taken for a letter grade: 12
3. Specific course requirements, including any not-for-credit courses.

   (1) a graduate course in the History of the English Language (ENGL 51000);
   (2) a graduate course on Old English Language providing a linguistic introduction and introductory reading knowledge to the earliest surviving stage of the English Language, 800-1100 CE (ENGL 61100);
   (3) a graduate course on Middle English Language providing a linguistic introduction and introductory reading knowledge to the immediate pre-Modern stage of the English Language, 1100-1500 CE (ENGL 61300);
   (4) a choice of TWO courses from the following list designed to build on various aspects of requirements 1-3 according to individual student interests:

      i) a course on the general principles of historical and comparative linguistics but not restricted to the English language (ENGL 56300: "Historical Linguistics").
ii) a graduate course on Old Norse Language providing a linguistic introduction and introductory reading knowledge to form of the Scandinavian Language as was spoken in the Danelaw in Eastern England 850-1200 C.E (ENGL 61600 "Introduction to Old Norse").

iii) a second graduate course in Old English to develop an advanced reading knowledge (ENGL 61200: "Old English Literature").

iv) a second graduate course in Middle English to develop an advanced reading knowledge (ENGL 61400: "Middle English Literature").

v) a graduate introduction to the varieties of contemporary English worldwide (ENGL 63100: "World Englishes". With the permission of the Director of English Languages and Linguistics a student may substitute a seminar on World Englishes, for example, ENGL 62900 Seminar in English as a Second Language: World Englishes

**Ideal Progression:**

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* ENGL 61100 and ENGL 61300 are offered on a two year rotation.
**ENGL 51000 is offered once every two years

Depending on student interest and faculty availability, it is possible that in Semester 1 of any given year one of the optional courses listed under Specific Course Requirements (4) above may be offered.

4. GPA requirements
a. Minimum overall GPA for courses that are to be used to fulfill certificate requirements. Only courses taken for a letter grade may be included in this computation: GPA of 3.0/4.0
b. Minimum grade for any course to be applied toward the certificate: B
5. Maximum number of credits that may be transferred from another institution:

A maximum of 6 credits may be transferred from other institutions to meet the requirements of the certificate if the Director of the History of the English Language Certificate Program, upon consultation with the English Language and Linguistic faculty, approves. Only graduate courses with a grade of “B” or above and completed within five years prior to the awarding of the certificate will be accepted.

6. Maximum number of credits from undergraduate-level courses that may be used toward the certificate: zero

7. Maximum time allowed for completion of the certificate: Five years.

8. Whether or not courses may be applied for credit toward more than one certificate. No

The Graduate School considers a certificate to signify competence in a particular area of study, and recognizes that such areas may overlap. On the other hand, there may be some courses for which it would not be appropriate to allow credit toward more than one certificate. Such restrictions, if any, should be stated.

9. Number of credit hours taken prior to admission to the certificate program that may be counted toward completion of the certificate: 6. However students who are enrolled in good standing during the first semester of the Certificate’s introduction may count towards the certificate any graduate courses they have taken at Purdue which fall under numbers 1-4 in the Specific course requirements listed above and for which they have received a grade of B or better.

IV. Administration

A. Items which are specified by the Graduate School

1. Admission process - The admission process will parallel that for degree-seeking students at the graduate level.

2. To facilitate tracking of students who are enrolled in certificate programs, the Office of the Registrar will establish a special admission status for such individuals.

3. When a student completes requirements for a certificate, the graduate program responsible for that certificate will notify the Graduate School. The Graduate School will then notify the Office of the Registrar.

4. Transcripting
   a. Will be consistent for all graduate certificate programs throughout the Purdue system.
   b. Each certificate earned will be posted separately upon completion of the requirements.
   c. Graduate certificates will be recorded in the following manner:

   GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
FIELD OF STUDY: *department name (English)*
SPECIALIZATION: *certificate name (History of the English Language)*

d. Credits earned toward a certificate will be included in the computation of the overall GPA posted on the transcript.

5. The certificate, itself, will be printed by the Office of the Registrar. All certificates under the purview of the Graduate School that are awarded by Purdue University will share a common format and style.

6. The certificate will be awarded jointly by the appropriate academic unit and the Graduate School. It will bear the signature of the head of the academic unit and the dean of the Graduate School.

7. Certificates will be awarded at the normal times when degrees are awarded.

8. The academic unit (*Department of English*) offering the certificate will submit an annual report to the Graduate Council containing the following information:
   a. the number of students currently admitted to the certificate program
   b. for each admitted student: date admitted, whether or not the student is also currently admitted to a degree program at Purdue, and if so, which degree number of credits completed toward fulfillment of certificate requirements
   c. the number of certificates awarded annually

The Office of the Registrar will assist in generating this information.

*B. Items which are left to the discretion of the graduate program responsible for the certificate, but which must be specified in the proposal for the certificate program*

1. Process for certifying completion of requirements. This audit process will be the full responsibility of the academic unit awarding the certificate. (See Item IV.A.3 above for communications requirements.) The **English Graduate Office in the Department of English** will complete the audit.

2. Dissemination of the certificate i.e., Where does it go from the Office of the Registrar? The certificate should go to the **English Graduate Office in the Department of English**