

Word Power (01:190:101)

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Required texts (each in RU Bookstore):

C.W. Dunmore, Studies in Etymology (1993) [required]

American Heritage College Dictionary (4th edition, 2002) [highly recommended]

Useful websites:

<http://classics.rutgers.edu> (click on 'Courses')

<http://ebbs.english.vt.edu/hel/hel.html> (resources for history of English language)

Basis for grading: 4 quizzes (each 15% of grade) + final (40% of grade) = 100%

Grading equivalents: 59 or below = F; 60-69 = D; 70-75 = C; 76-79 = C+; 80-85 = B; 86-89 = B+; 90 or above = A.

Schedule of lectures and readings:

I. Introduction

1. 18 JANUARY TUESDAY

Organization. No assignment

2. 21 JANUARY FRIDAY

Dunmore, pp. 1-27 (top)

Note also M.W. Bloomfield, "A Brief History of the English Language," in American Heritage Dictionary, pp. XIV-XVIII. Multiple locations in RU library reference areas: PA1628.A623

II.

Dictionary Assignment: brief, civil

Latin: i.e. = id est, e.g. = exempli gratia, ibid. = ibidem, loc. cit. = loco citato, op. cit. = opere citato

Other word formation: back-formation

3. 25 JANUARY TUESDAY

Dunmore, Lesson 1 (pp. 27-35)

4. 28 JANUARY FRIDAY

Dunmore, Lesson 1. Exercises, pp. 35-39 (all)

III.		Dictionary Assignment: subsidiary, com- (pref.) Latin: p.s. = post scriptum, ms. = manuscriptum / mss. = manuscripta, fl.= floruit, ad hoc, et al. = et alii, c.v. = curriculum vitae Other word formation: blend
5.	1 FEBRUARY TUESDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 2 (pp. 41-51). Exercises A.1-10, 14, 33-47
6.	4 FEBRUARY FRIDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 2 cont. Exercises A. 48-56; C; D
IV.		Dictionary Assignment: surfeit, deign Latin: ad lib. = ad libitum, alter ego, casus belli, de facto, de iure Other word formation: clips (back, front, front-and- back)
7.	8 FEBRUARY TUESDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 3. Exercises A.3-13; 23-26; 31-32
8.	11 FEBRUARY FRIDAY	quiz 1
V.		Dunmore, Lesson 3 cont. Exercises B; E Dictionary Assignment: agnate, ingenuous Latin: ex officio, ex post facto, modus operandi, modus vivendi Other word formation: clip blend (one of the two words is a clip)
9.	15 FEBRUARY TUESDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 4. Exercises A.1-10; B.2-11
10.	18 FEBRUARY FRIDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 4 cont. Exercises C; D; E.2
VI.		Dictionary Assignment: trivia, -age Latin: fiat, ne plus ultra, non sequitur, per se, prima facie Other word formation: folk etymology and mondegreens
11.	22 FEBRUARY TUESDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 5. Exercises A.3-13; 20-30
12.	25 FEBRUARY FRIDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 5 cont. Exercises B; E
VII.		Dictionary Assignment: insult, include Latin: cave canem, caveat emptor, quid pro quo, pro tempore, pro forma Other word formation: hybrid
13.	1 MARCH TUESDAY	quiz 2
		Dunmore, Lesson 6. Exercises A.1-10; 26-33
14.	4 MARCH FRIDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 6 cont. Exercises B; D.1-12

VIII.		Dictionary Assignment: specious, tradition Latin: quid pro quo, amicus curiae, sub rosa, sub judice Other word formation: loan word
15.	8 MARCH TUESDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 7. Exercises A.1-10; 20-30.
16.	11 MARCH FRIDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 7 cont. Exercises E; F
IX.		Dictionary Assignment: cosmetic, aristocrat Latin: sine qua non, in memoriam, in camera Other word formation: retronym
17.	22 MARCH TUESDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 8. Exercises A.1-10; B.1-16; D
18.	25 MARCH FRIDAY	quiz 3
X.		Dictionary Assignment: gamete, phonetic, neologism Other word formation: root creation
19	29 MARCH TUESDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 9. Exercises A.1-12; B.1-10; C
20.	1 APRIL FRIDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 9 cont. Exercises D.1-10, E, F
XI.		Dictionary Assignment: archaeo-, arch-, archi-, analogous Other word formation: conversion
21.	5 APRIL TUESDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 10. Exercises A.1-16; B
22.	8 APRIL FRIDAY	quiz 4 Dunmore, Lesson 10 cont. Exercises C, D, E
XII.		Dictionary Assignment: devil, aesthetic
23.	12 APRIL TUESDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 11. Exercises A.1-16; B.1-15
24.	15 APRIL FRIDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 11 cont. Exercises C, D, E, F
XIII.		Greek and Latin numerals
25.	19 APRIL TUESDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 12. Exercises A.1-20; B; C
26.	22 APRIL FRIDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 12 cont. Exercises D; E; F
XIV.		Dictionary Assignment: archetype, dyslexia
27.	26 APRIL TUESDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 13. Exercises A; E
28.	29 APRIL FRIDAY	Dunmore, Lesson 14. Exercises A.1-22; D; F
EXAM	11 MAY WEDNESDAY 8 AM-11 AM	FINAL: that's right, 8 AM-11 AM