Word Power (01:190:101)

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Required texts (each in RU Bookstore):
C.W. Dunmore, Studies in Etymology (1993) [required]

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)

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.

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