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## 050.205. The Structure of English

Fall 2008

### Main Textbook:

Crystal, David (1995) *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language*. Cambridge University Press. Paperback.

### Other reading materials:

Mitchell, Steve (1976) *How to Speak Southern*. Bantam books.

Burzio, Luigi (1996) 'Where English Prosody Meets Phonological Theory,' in Pérez Guerra, Javier, M.Teresa Caneda Cabrera, Marta Dahlgreen, Teresa Fernández-Colmeiro and Eduardo J. Varela Bravo (eds.) *Proceedings of the XIX International Conference of AEDEAN*. Vigo: Universidade de Vigo. (51-65).

### On Reserve in the MSE Library:

*The Story of English*, McNeil-Lehrer Production/ BBC (1986). Distributed by Home Vision, Public Media Inc. (approx 9hr. VHS video. Will view selected portions).

Week	Date	Topic	Read before class		HW due
			pages:	of chapter:	
1	Sept. 5	<i>History: Old English, Middle English</i>			
2	Sept. 10, 12		8-29	3	HW 1
3	Sept. 17, 19		30-54	4	
4	Sept. 24, 26	<i>Sound Structure and Word-formation</i>	236-255	17	HW 2
5	Oct. 1, 3		55	4	
6	Oct. 8, 10		Burzio (1996)		HW 3
7	Oct. 15, 17		124-131; 198-205	9; 14	
8	Oct. 22, 24	<i>Dialectal Variation: (Northern and Southern US dialects)</i>	24hr take-home Midterm		
9	Oct. 29, 31		92-97	7	HW 4
10	Nov. 5, 7		Mitchell (1976)		
11	Nov. 12, 14		298-318	20	HW 5
12	Nov. 19, 21	<i>Sentence Structure and pronominal system</i>	206-213	15	
13	Nov. 26		214-233	16	HW 6
14	Dec. 3, 5		tba		
	Thursday, December 18, 2-5 PM		Final Exam		HW 7

% of final grade:	- Assignments/ Miniquizzes	40
	- Midterm	15
	- Final Exam	25
	- Attendance/ presentations/ discussion	20

### Notes:

- It is important that homework be turned in on time.
- Exams will cover both class lectures and readings.
- See Statement on Ethics on the back

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