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<td>Department of English Philology, Institute of European Languages and Literature, Faculty of Humanities, BA, II year Optional; Department of Scandinavian Studies, Faculty of Humanities, BA, II year, Obligatory</td>
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<td>Aim of the course</td>
<td>The English language, as well as the Scandinavian languages, belong to the Germanic branch of the Indo-European family of languages. Proceeding from this, the course “Introduction into Germanic Philology” creates a solid theoretical foundation for the education of future specialists in Germanic studies and acquaints them with their future profession in a broader context. The present course aims at analysing common linguistic features of the Germanic languages on different language levels: phonological, morphological, lexical and prepares students for the courses of the histories of respective languages.</td>
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<td>Lecture / seminar / midterm tests</td>
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| Content of the course | **Lecture 1**  
  - Indo-European family of languages and its branches;  
  - Germanic languages: East, West and North;  

**Lecture 2**  
  - Comparative linguistics;  
  - Comparative method;  

**Lecture 3**  
  - Classification of Germanic tribes;  
  - Roman and Greek writers and historians about Germans;  
  - Short history of Germanic tribes;  
  - Great migration of peoples;  

**Lecture 4**  
  - History of the Germanic script;  
  - Runic alphabet;  
  - Gothic alphabet;  
  - Latin alphabet;  

**Lecture 5** – Midterm test 1  

**Lecture 6**  
  - First Germanic Sound Shift, Grimm’s Law;  
  - The new interpretation of the Grimm’s law by Th. Gamqrelidze;  
  - Verner’s Law;  

**Lecture 7**  
  - Second Sound Shift in Old High German;  
  - Sound correspondences between the German language and other Germanic languages; |
Lecture 8
- Germanic stress;
- Dinamic, fixed stress in Old Germanic languages;
- The process of phonetic reduction, caused by heavy Germanic stress;
- Common linguistic features of Germanic languages on the phonological level;
- First and Second Sound Shift and resulting sound correspondences between Germanic and Indo-European languages;

Lectures 9, 10
- Grammatical categories of verbs in the old Germanic languages; the category of time – leading grammatical category of the Germanic verb;
- Strong verbs; seven classes of strong verbs; ablaut;
- Weak verbs; towards the etymology of the dental suffix of weak verbs; classes of weak verbs;
- Weak verbs, as a Germanic innovation;
- Preterite-Present verbs;
- The evolution of the Old Germanic verb in modern Germanic languages;

Lecture 11 – Midterm test 2.

Lecture 12
- Grammatical categories of the Noun in Old Germanic languages;
- Morphological Classification of the Noun in Old Germanic languages, according to stem-forming suffixes;
- Strong declension of Noun;
- Weak declension of Noun; towards the etymology of the suffix –n–, main paradigm-forming suffix of the weak declension;
- Weak declension of the Noun – Germanic innovation;
- Minor declensions of Noun in Old Germanic languages;
- The evolution of the Old Germanic Noun in modern Germanic languages;

Lecture 13 – reading and analyzing (with the help of the Vocabulary of the Gothic language) extracts from the translation of Gospels by the Bishop Ulfilas (IV cent.);
### Lecture 14
- Grammatical categories of Adjectives in Old Germanic languages;
- Twofold declension of Adjective in Old Germanic languages;
- Etymology of Strong and Weak declension of Adjectives in Old Germanic languages;
- Twofold declension of Adjectives – Germanic innovation;
- Formation of degrees of comparison of Adjective in Old Germanic languages;
- The evolution of the Old Germanic Adjective in modern Germanic languages;

### Lecture 15
- Etymological survey of the Old Germanic vocabulary;
- Common Indo-European words in Germanic languages;
- Thematic groups of Common Indo-European words;
- Common Germanic words, main thematic groups;
- Borrowings in Old Germanic languages

### Assessment
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### Obligatory literature
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   Insights in Germanic Linguistics
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2. მ. გერმანული ენა. გოთი. ენათა იურიდიურ-ლინგვისტიკური თავი. თბილისი, 1984 წ.
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   Введение в Германскую филологию.
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4. К. Тацит. Германия. М., 1956.

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<td>After accomplishing the course “Introduction into Germanic Philology” students will acquire substantial knowledge about the Germanic branch of the Indo-European family of languages; they will get deep insight into the cognition of languages and the comparative method of analysis of related languages; students will learn about Germanic tribes, their history, the role, they played in the history of Europe, particularly, those nations, who speak modern Germanic languages; students will analyse common linguistic features of the Germanic languages on phonological, morphological and lexical levels; the present course prepares the students of English and Scandinavian departments for the study of histories of their respective languages; the study of common linguistic features of Germanic languages, develops in students ability to observe facts of related languages, to discover similarities between them on different language levels; the subject &quot;Introduction into Germanic Philology&quot; gives students not only theoretical knowledge, but it also has practical application. Study of the common linguistic features of Germanic languages on each language level, facilitates learning of other Germanic languages.</td>
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