

Monmouth College: Spring 2015, Second Half
CLAS 224-02, Word Elements—Greek, .5 credit
TTH 12:30-1:45
Instructor: Wine

This course explains word histories, such as

Meander: “to follow a winding course” because the Meander river (now called the Menderes) in Turkey was noted for its turning, crooked course.



<http://alphanficor.blogspot.com/>

Turquoise comes from an old French word for “Turkish” (from Turc), because turquoise first came from Turkey.

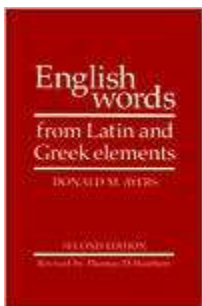


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and explains meanings of Greek words which become bases, prefixes and suffixes in English words. For example,

gram, meaning “something written,” combined with prefixes

dia (through, across) becomes diagram	epi (upon) becomes epigram	pro (before) becomes program
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Texts: Donald Ayers’ *English Words from Latin and Greek Elements*, 2nd edition 0816508992

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and access to a good dictionary with etymologies given in the word entries (*American Heritage* and *Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary* are both good.)