

Linguistics 113: Introduction to Phonology

Fall 2003

CLASS: T Th 3:00-4:15 in BBC 221

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FINAL EXAM: Dec 16 2:45-5:00

PREREQUISITES: Ling 101 & Ling 111

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an introduction to phonological theory. Its purpose is to provide students with the basic tools and concepts for studying sound *patterns* in all languages. The course will train students in analysing phonological data and writing phonological rules. We will cover phonemic analysis, phonological processes, and the fundamentals of generative phonology. The course will also provide a strong background in the sound patterns of English. The material is relevant to those interested in linguistics as well as language teaching, speech technology, and communication disorders.

REQUIREMENTS:

10 problem-sets (9 best)	due most Thursdays	30%
2 Quizzes	Oct 7, Nov 6	20%
Final Paper	due Dec 9	25%
Final Exam	Dec 16	25%

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Available at the campus bookstore. There will be weekly reading assignments.

Spencer. *Phonology*.

Wolfram & Johnson. *Phonological Analysis: Focus on American English*.

NOTE:

- ◆ Homework must be turned in on time (start of class) in order to receive full credit. The date of the final exam is fixed. Incompletes given only in extreme circumstances.
- ◆ Assignments and due dates are subject to change. Instructor will notify students at least one class meeting in advance.
- ◆ All students are responsible for knowing and observing University policies regarding academic dishonesty. See University publication: 'Academic Dishonesty and its Consequences.'

SCHEDULE

Week	Dates	Topics	Assignments
1	Aug 26, 28	Preliminaries What is Phonology? Concept of the Phoneme	📖 Spencer Ch.1, pp1-10 📖 W&J Ch.1
2	Sept 2, 4	Phonemic Analysis <i>Minimal Pairs</i> <i>Distribution and Contrast</i>	📖 W&J Ch.3
3	Sept 9, 11	Phonological Processes <i>Assimilation, Dissimilation</i>	📖 Spencer Ch.2, pp45-62 📖 W&J Ch.6, pp88-93 Homework 1 due 9/9
4	Sept 16, 18	Phonological Processes (cont.) <i>Neutralization, Deletion, Epenthesis, Metathesis</i>	📖 Spencer Ch.2, pp63-69 📖 W&J Ch.6, pp93-99 Homework 2 due 9/16
5	Sept 23, 25	Phonological Features <i>Overview of Features, Natural Classes</i>	📖 Spencer Ch.4, pp105-121 📖 W&J Ch.4, pp58-70 Homework 3 due 9/23
6	Sept 30, Oct 2	Phonological Features (cont.) <i>Redundancy, Underspecification</i>	📖 Spencer Ch.4, pp121-144 📖 W&J Ch.4, pp70-73 Homework 4 due 9/30
7	Oct 7, 9	Syllable <i>Syllable structure, Phonotactics</i>	📖 Spencer Ch.3 pp72-91 📖 W&J Ch.5, pp75-85 Quiz 1 10/7
8	Oct 14, 16	Syllable (cont.) <i>Syllabification</i>	📖 Spencer Ch.3 pp91-102 Homework 5 due 10/16
9	Oct 21, 23	Rules <i>Notational Conventions</i>	📖 Spencer Ch.5 pp146-164 📖 W&J Ch.8 Homework 6 due 10/23
10	Oct 28, 30	Rules (cont.) <i>Ordering Domains</i>	📖 Spencer Ch.5 pp164-196 Homework 7 due 10/30
11	Nov 4, 6	Postlexical Processes	📖 Spencer Ch.6 Quiz 2 11/6
12	Nov 11, 13	Stress	📖 Spencer Ch.7 Homework 8 due 11/13
13	Nov 18, 20	Stress (cont.)	📖 Spencer Ch.8 Homework 9 due 11/20
14	Nov 25	Acquisition of Phonology	📖 W&J Ch.10
15	Dec 2, 4	Teaching Pronunciation Review	📖 W&J Ch.12 Homework 10 due 12/2
<p>Final paper due December 9 Final exam December 16 2:45-5:00</p>			