

Phonetics II Syllabus

Time: Thursday, 16,30 – 18,00 (Room 115)
Friday 7,30 – 9,00 (Room 113)
Friday 11,00 – 12,30 (Room 115)
Friday 13,00 – 14,30 (Room 115)

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Overview

This course continues to develop basic aspects of the scientific study of speech sounds from the Phonetics I course, now covering suprasegmental features such as stress and intonation. Both articulatory and acoustics description of speech will be discussed. The emphasis is on practical understanding of speech prosody.

Text

Required

Roach, P. 1991. English phonetics and phonology. Cambridge: CUP, 2nd (3rd) ed.

Additional

Underhill, A. 1994. Sound foundations. Oxford: Heinemann.

Ladefoged, P. 1993. A course in phonetics. Harcourt Brace College Publishers, 3rd ed.

Catfort, J. C. 1994. A practical introduction to phonetics. Oxford: Clarendon Press.

Supplemental handouts and lecture notes might be provided by the instructor in class and/or may be also available on-line and are not for are not for circulation.

Requirements

50% Final exam (written + oral)

30% Homework assignments

20% Attendance & participation

Final Exam

There will be **no make-up date** for the exam. Talk to me well in advance if you think you might not be able to be present for the exam. Only dire medical or personal circumstances will be considered and a valid written proof is required.

Homework

There will be 2 homework assignments handed out in class and collected at the beginning of the next class.

Attendance & participation

Attendance is obligatory; you may miss a class only in case of dire medical or personal circumstances. A valid written proof is required. You are expected to be **actively involved in class discussions. Do not hesitate to ask questions!**

Academic integrity

Cheating will not be tolerated and may cost you your grade (i.e. you will fail the course) and have repercussions for your future academic career. The following is a non-exhaustive list of examples of what counts as cheating in this course: (i) signing on the attendance sheet without attending the class (e.g., signing and leaving, signing for somebody else, signing for a future class); (ii) copying the homework from another student, with or without the student's knowledge, or collaborating on the homework with another student; or copy/paste materials from the internet or printed sources without proper acknowledgement; (iii) copying a test from another student, with or without the student's knowledge.

How to succeed in this course

This course requires a certain degree of involvement on your part if you wish to earn a good grade. If you want to do well, you should:

- come to all the classes, take notes, and actively participate in class discussions;
- do the reading(s) before the day for which it is assigned, critically evaluate the material, don't hesitate to ask questions, clarify the material or challenge author's (or instructor's) conclusions;
- set aside at least 2-3 hours for each homework assignment, and don't wait to do it at the last minute;
- not be afraid to ask the instructor for help if you have made an honest effort and still have trouble following the material.

Tentative outline

Wk	Topic	Readings, HWs
1	Syllables, onsets, nuclei, and codas, sonority, acoustic and articulatory characteristics	R, Ch 8-9
2	Syllables in English, syllable typology	
3	Word stress, primary, secondary, articulatory and acoustic correlates of stress	R, Ch 10-11
4	How stress affects segmental realization, vowel and consonant reductions	HW1 out
5	Connected speech, assimilation, weak forms	HW1 in R, Ch 12-14
6	Connected speech (cont'd), dialectal variation, transcription practice	
7	Sentence stress, narrow and broad focus, stress clash	
8	Description of Intonation: ToBI tutorial	ToBI manual
9	ToBI tutorial (cont'd)	HW2 out
10	ToBI tutorial (cont'd)	HW2 in
11	Functions of prosody	R, Ch 15-19
12	Review	
	Final exam	