

## English 330: English Phonology

WHITE 4208 MWF 9:55 AM - 10:45 AM

### General Information

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### Office Hours

Informal office hours are directly after class and official office hours are on Tues. 9am to 10:00am and Thurs. 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. If these times do not work for you please email or talk to me.

### Course Materials

Avery, Peter and Susan Ehrlich (1992) *Teaching American English Pronunciation*. Oxford University Press.

Other class materials (additional readings, handouts, etc.) will be distributed via the Learn@UW website for this course. Make sure you know how to use Learn@UW.

### Course Objectives

This course is designed to introduce students to the basic principles of phonetics and phonology as applied to the description of English. As part of this students will:

- learn to use IPA notation to represent the sounds of English and other languages
- learn the articulatory description of the sounds of English and other languages
- learn to distinguish different vowels and consonants based on acoustic features
- learn to discover and describe the distribution of sounds in English and other languages

### Evaluation

There are three components to the grade for this course: homework assignments, exams and a phonological sketch.

Homework	40%
Exams (3)	45% (15% each)
<u>Phonological Sketch</u>	<u>15%</u>
Total	100%

*Homework Assignments 40%*

There will be 10 homework assignments and each is due on a Friday. The homework assignment will be based on the week's topic. ALL HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE TYPED AND HANDED IN ON TIME. NO HANDWRITTEN OR LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED. We will discuss the homework in class on the day that it is due so we can make sure everyone understood the assignment. Typing your homework allows you to put hand written notes for your own benefit on the assignment. ONLY THE TYPE WRITTEN ANSWERS WILL BE GRADED AND SCRATCHING OUT ANSWERS IS UNACCEPTABLE.

A grade from 0 (no homework handed in) to 5 will be given each homework assignment. The final letter grade for the homework component will be calculated based on the average homework score.

*Exams 45% total (15% each)*

There will be three in class exams. One for each of the main themes covered through the lectures: articulatory phonetics of English, acoustic phonetics of English and English and ESL phonology. The dates for the exams are:

articulatory phonetics of English	Wed. October 8th
acoustic phonetics of English	Wed. November 5th
English and ESL phonology	Wed. December 10th

*Phonological Sketch 15%*

You will be required to write a sketch of a language other than English that will identify what aspects of English phonology a native speaker of the language will have difficulty learning. The source for this project should be a good descriptive grammar from the library of a language other than English. You will need to choose a language and acquire the resources you need to use by Friday October 17th when you must hand in the name of your language and the reference information for your source(s). Full details about the form and content of the phonological sketch will be handed out in class at a later date.

*Academic Misconduct*

Please make sure that you are familiar with UW's Academic Misconduct Policy which you can read at:

<http://www.wisc.edu/students/saja/misconduct/misconduct.html>

NO ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT WILL BE TOLERATED.



- Week 7      Oct. 13-17**  
 Mon-Wed      Acoustics of Vowels  
                     READ:            Ladefoged Ch 4-5 pp. 32-48 from Learn@UW  
 Fri                HMWK #5 DUE  
                     PHONOLOGICAL SKETCH PROPOSAL DUE
- Week 8      Oct. 20-24**  
 Mon-Wed      Comparing Vowel Spaces  
                     READ:            Ladefoged Ch 4-5 pp. 32-48 from Learn@UW  
 Fri                HMWK #6 DUE LAB
- Week 9      Oct. 27-31**  
 Mon-Wed      Voice Onset Time  
                     READ:            Ladefoged Ch6 plus from Learn@UW  
 Fri                HWMK #7 DUE LAB
- Week 10     Nov. 3-7**  
 Mon             Review for Exam #2  
 Wed             Exam #2  
 Fri                Discussion of Exam #2
- Week 11     Nov. 10-14**  
 Mon-Wed      English Sounds in Context  
                     READ:            A/E Ch 3 pp. 39-52  
 Fri                HMWK #8 DUE
- Week 12     Nov. 17-21**  
 Mon-Wed      Describing Phonological Patterns  
                     READ:            O’Grady et al Ch 3 part from Learn@UW  
 Fri                HMWK #9 DUE
- Week 13     Nov. 24-28**  
 Mon             Phonological Patterns in other languages  
 Wed             Movie: TBA  
 Fri                THANKSGIVING BREAK
- Week 14     Dec. 1-5**  
 Mon-Wed      ESL Mini Sketches  
                     READ:            A/E Chs 7-8 pp. 93-157  
 Fri                HWMK #10
- Week 15     Dec. 8-12**  
 Mon             Review for Exam #3  
 Wed             Exam #3 ESL Phonology  
 Fri                Phonological Sketch Due (Last Day)