

Syllabus – Fall 2024

Linguistics 313: Phonological Analysis – Section 1

*** This syllabus is tentative and subject to revision at the instructors' discretion. ***

Although there will be some lectures, this is primarily an interaction-, discussion-, group work-based course. Be prepared to participate.

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Course Description: There are several important abilities involved in the use of human language, one of these being the ability to organize speech sounds. The system that the brain uses to accomplish this task is the subject matter of phonology. This course will explore phonology from several perspectives within generative linguistics, including both traditional rule-based and current Optimality Theoretic approaches. Topics to be discussed include phonological features, lexical phonology, prosodic morphology, tone, and metrical stress. Assignments will help students learn to analyze phonological problems in a variety of languages and to evaluate the consequences of using different analytic approaches. Prerequisite: Ling 312 or permission of instructor.

Text: Hayes, Bruce. 2009. *Introducing Phonology*. Wiley-Blackwell. Additional readings will be supplied.

Assignment: There will be six (roughly bi-weekly) Assignments during the semester. The assignments will be due at time listed in the schedule below. These will count for 80% of your final grade.

Participation: The remaining 20% of your final grade will be based on participation and completion of group assignments in class. Days of the group assignments will not be announced in advance. You may miss at most one group assignment and still get full credit for participation.

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory. If you need to miss class, you should let us know in advance. However, please do not come to class if you are experiencing COVID or flu symptoms or similar.

Grading: The grading scale used for calculating your final grade is as follows:

97% ≤ A+ ≤ 100%	73% ≤ C < 77%
93% ≤ A < 97%	70% ≤ C- < 73%
90% ≤ A- < 93%	67% ≤ D+ < 70%
87% ≤ B+ < 90%	63% ≤ D < 67%
83% ≤ B < 87%	60% ≤ D- < 63%
80% ≤ B- < 83%	0% ≤ F < 60%
77% ≤ C+ < 80%	

Grade Grubbing: “Grade grubbing” will not be tolerated. 5% will be deducted from your final grade for each occurrence. If you believe that a mistake has been made in the grading of a test or quiz, you may ask once for the instructors to reconsider the grade. Any further argument or pleading after the instructor has made a decision will be considered grade grubbing.

Electronics: The only use of laptops, tablets, smart phones, etc. regularly permitted in class is to access an electronic version of the textbook on days when we use the textbook in class. Occasionally, we will allow use of laptops, tablets, smart phones, etc. for access to the internet

during in class assignments. At all other times, laptops, tablets, smart phones, etc. should be put away unless there are specific accommodations.

Reading and Quiz Schedule

WEEK 1	
Monday, August 26	Introduction; skim ch. 1
Wednesday, August 28	Phonemes; ch 2
WEEK 2	
Monday, September 2	<i>Labor Day – No Class</i>
Wednesday, September 4	More phonemes; ch. 3, **Assignment 1 due in class**
WEEK 3	
Monday, September 9	Features, ch. 4
Wednesday, September 11	
WEEK 4	
Monday, September 16	Morphology, ch. 5
Wednesday, September 18	**Assignment 2 due in class*
WEEK 5	
Monday, September 23	Alternation, chs. 6-7
Wednesday, September 25	
WEEK 6	
Monday, September 30	Analysis, ch. 8
Wednesday, October 2	**Assignment 3 due in class**
WEEK 7	
Monday, October 7	<i>Fall Break – No Class</i>
Wednesday, October 9	
WEEK 8	
Monday, October 14	Underspecification; reading TBD
Wednesday, October 16	**Assignment 4 due in class**
WEEK 9	
Monday, October 21	Rules and Constraints (Reading TBD)
Wednesday, October 23	Constraint Ranking (Reading TBD)
WEEK 10	
Monday October 28	Prosodic Hierarchy (Reading TBD)
Wednesday, October 30	Syllables (Reading TBD)
WEEK 11	
Monday, November 4	Syllable Structure (Reading TBD)

	Assignment 4 Due in class
Wednesday, November 6	Syllables in Optimality Theory (Reading TBD)
WEEK 12	
Monday, November 11	Stress
Wednesday, November 13	The metrical grid (Reading: Hyde Chapter 1)
WEEK 13	
Monday, November 18	Feet, Iteration, and Alignment (Hyde Chapter 5) **Assignment 5 Due in class**
Wednesday, November 20	Stress in Optimality Theory (Reading TBD)
WEEK 14	
Monday, November 25	Interface Categories (Reading TBD)
Wednesday, November 27	Thanksgiving Break – No class
WEEK 15	
Monday, December 4	TBA
Wednesday, December 6	TBA
TBA	**Assignment 6 Due**