

Syllabus (Tentative)

Linguistics 307: Phonology

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Purpose: Linguistics 307 is an introduction to phonology and phonological analysis. The course has several main goals: to develop analytical skills in phonology through problem solving, to describe patterns in language data, and to be able to recognize phonological units that are fundamental to understanding how sounds pattern.

Course Requirements: There will be 6 homework assignments, 4 quizzes and 3 exams (= 2 midterms and a take-home final). Additionally, attendance/class participation will be part of the grade.

Grading:	Homework	90 pts.	(90 - 100% = A-range)
	Exams	120 pts.	(80 - 89% = B-range)
	Quizzes	20 pts.	(70 - 79% = C-range)
	Attendance/Participation	20 pts.	(60 - 69% = D-range)
	Total	250 pts.	(less than 60% = F)

Text: There is no required text. Some readings may be posted on Oncourse.

Recommended text: Zsiga, Elizabeth *The Sounds of Language: An Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2013 (This is not required.)

Tentative Schedule (this almost certainly will change depending on the pace of the course)

Date	Topic	Reading (Zsiga)	homework/quiz
Aug 26	Intro, basic phonetics	Basic Phonetics	
Aug 28	Speech sounds/Phonetic features/Transcription	Ch. 1-4	
Aug 30	“		
Sept 2	No Class (Labor Day)		
Sept 4	Phonemic Analysis	Ch. 10	
Sept 6	Phonemic Analysis		
Sept 9	Phonemic Analysis		Quiz #1
Sept 11	Distinctive features/ Natural classes	Ch. 12	
Sept 13	“		HW #1 due
Sept 16	“		
Sept 18	Processes	Ch. 11	Quiz #2
Sept 20	Processes/rule writing	Ch. 13 (275-284)	
Sept 23	Rule writing		HW #2 due
Sept 25	Review		
Sept 27	Exam		
Sept 30	Phonological analysis		
Oct 2	Phonological analysis		
Oct 4	Rule ordering		

Date	Topic	Reading (Zsiga)	homework/quiz
Oct 7	Rule ordering		
Oct 9	Rule ordering		
Oct 11	Rule ordering		HW #3 due
Oct 14	Abstraction		
Oct 16	Phonological evidence		
Oct 18	No class (Fall break)		
Oct 21	Analysis		HW #4 due
Oct 23	Review		
Oct 25	Exam #2		
Oct 28	Syllable phonology	Ch. 15	
Oct 30	Syllable phonology		
Nov 1	Syllable phonology		
Nov 4	Sonority		Quiz #3
Nov 6	Sonority		
Nov 8	Sonority		HW #5 due
Nov 11	Prominence typology		
Nov 13	Prominence typology	Ch. 16	
Nov 15	Foot structure		
Nov 18	Foot structure		
Nov 20	Autosegmental phonology	Ch. 17	
Nov 22	“		HW #6 due
Nov 25	No Class - Thanksgiving		
Nov 27	No Class - Thanksgiving		
Nov 29	No Class - Thanksgiving		
Dec 2	Autosegmental phonology		
Dec 4	Autosegmental phonology		Quiz #4
Dec 6	Course Eval/Take home final		
Dec 9	No class (work on final)		
Dec 11	No class (work on final)		
Dec 13	“ (work on final)		
Dec 16	Exam due 5:00pm		

Attendance policy: Everyone is allowed two absences without penalty for whatever reason. After that .5 pt. will be deducted from your point total for each absence.

Homework: You are encouraged to work together on homework assignments. For the first 2 or 3 homework assignments each student should write up the homework individually. At some point I will allow you to turn in the homework assignment in pairs if you so desire.