

LINGUISTICS 331: PHONOLOGY 1

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TRF 10:35-11:25, StBio S3/3

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W 1:30-2:30, location TBA

OUTLINE:

This course provide an introduction to contemporary phonological theory and analysis, focusing on issues in segmental and prosodic structure.

PREREQUISITES:

LING 201: Introduction to Linguistics and LING 330: Phonetics

REQUIRED READING:

Gussenhoven, C. & H. Jacobs (2017) *Understanding Phonology* (4rd edition). London: Routledge.

EVALUATION:

3 Assignments (7% each) Midterm Exam (34%) (evening of Wed Oct 25, 18:05-19:55, location TBA)
Final Exam (45%)

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PROCEDURES:**1. COURSE MATERIAL:**

- All material for the course (slides for lectures and handouts for conferences, assignments, etc.) will be available on myCourses. Please download the materials ahead of time and bring them to lectures/conferences.

2. CONFERENCES:

- Conferences are held on Fridays, starting in Week 3 on September 22nd. The TA will teach two conferences, one during the Friday lecture time (in StBio S3/3) and one at 9:35 (in RPhys 115).
- To register for a conference, you must sign up on Minerva.
- You are responsible for the material covered in the conferences, just as you are responsible for the material covered in the lectures. If for some reason you cannot attend a conference (or lecture), ensure that you get the relevant notes from a classmate.

3. ASSIGNMENTS:

- Assignments can be done in groups (maximum 3 students per group, all from the same conference). Each student must write up his/her assignment individually and turn in a separate assignment.
- Assignments are due on Fridays at 16:45. You can either hand in your assignment to your TA in your conference or you can place it in the drop-box in the photocopy room (room 109, 1085 Penfield) outside the department office (room 111, 1085 Penfield) by Friday at 16:45 on the due date. Please note that the department office, including photocopy room, closes at 17:00.
- We suggest that you keep a copy of your finished assignment in case the assignment is accidentally lost.

4. MIDTERM EXAM:

- The midterm exam is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday October 25th, from 18:05-19:55 (location TBA).
- A make-up midterm will be arranged for students who have a conflict with the midterm as scheduled. To be eligible, students must be registered in a conflicting course with a 'higher priority' than LING 331. Students who qualify must let Heather Goad know by e-mail at heather.goad@mcgill.ca no later than Tuesday October 17th.

5. LATE ASSIGNMENTS AND MISSED EXAMS:

- Late assignments will not be accepted unless you have a certified medical excuse and we have been notified within 24 hours of when the assignment was due. Messages can be left at 398-4222 even in the evenings and on weekends.
- We must be notified within 24 hours of a missed exam. No make-up exam or assignment will be given to anyone who does not have a certified medical excuse. You can leave messages at 398-4222 even in the evenings and on weekends.

6. MARKING:

- Assignments and exams should be written in pen. Answers on assignments and exams that are written in pencil or that have been have written over will not be considered for re-grading.
- Any issue about grading must be addressed within two weeks of the date when the assignment/exam was returned.

TUTORS:

If you feel that you need more individual attention than the instructor and TAs can provide, you can contact SLUM (Society of Linguistics Undergraduates of McGill) at slum.linguistics@mail.mcgill.ca.

SCHEDULE OF DATES:

WEEK	DATE	EVALUATION	TOPICS	READINGS
1	T Sept 5		Course structure; the nature of phonology	G&J 1 (review G&J 2 if your background in Phonetics is shaky)
1	R Sept 7		Abstractness in phonology; levels of representation	G&J 3-4
1	F Sept 8			
2	T Sept 12		Distinctive features	G&J 5-6
2	R Sept 14			
2	F Sept 15			
3	T Sept 19		Tones and the autonomy of features	G&J 10
3	R Sept 21			
3	F Sept 22	A1 posted		
4	T Sept 26			
4	R Sept 28			
4	F Sept 29	A1 due		
5	T Oct 3		Hierarchical organization of features	G&J 14
5	R Oct 5			
5	F Oct 6	A1 returned; A2 posted		
6	T Oct 10		Timing tier	G&J 9
6	R Oct 12			
6	F Oct 13	A2 due		
7	T Oct 17		Syllables and syllabification	G&J 9
7	R Oct 19			
7	F Oct 20	A2 returned		
8	T Oct 24			
8	W Oct 25	Midterm 18:05-19:55		
8	R Oct 26			
8	F Oct 27			
9	T Oct 31		Stress	G&J 11
9	R Nov 2			
9	F Nov 3			
10	T Nov 7			
10	R Nov 9			
10	F Nov 10	Midterm returned; A3 posted		
11	T Nov 14		Phonology–morphology interaction	material available on myCourses
11	R Nov 16			
11	F Nov 17	A3 due		
12	T Nov 21			
12	R Nov 23			
12	F Nov 24	A3 returned		
13	T Nov 28		Derivational vs. representational phonology	material available on myCourses
13	R Nov 30			
13	F Dec 1			
14	T Dec 5		Review	