

# LING631 Phonology 3

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## Overview:

The course serves as an overview of some of the major frameworks in theoretical phonology, with a focus on Optimality Theory and factorial typology. Throughout the course, we will read seminal papers in phonology, and evaluate the evidence and arguments presented therein.

## Course Components:

### *Classroom Participation (10%):*

One of the key components of a graduate is productive classroom discussion. As such, you are expected to contribute regularly by asking questions, answering questions of others, and building connections to outside topics.

### *Reading Presentation (30%):*

You will select two papers on some aspect of theoretical phonology. A list of suggested papers will be provided, though you are permitted (and encouraged!) to select a paper not on the list. For each paper, you will lead the class discussion surrounding the paper.

### *Discussion Posts (20%):*

In preparation for lecture, unless you are leading the discussion, you are expected to do the reading ahead of time and post a substantive question/comment on the corresponding discussion board. Discussion posts are due before the lecture where the reading is discussed and are meant to encourage careful reading of the material beforehand.

### *Final Paper and Proposal (40%):*

The final paper for the course is due on the last day of class, December 4<sup>th</sup> 2024. This will be an exploration of the factorial typology of a set of Optimality Theory constraints of your choosing (though you are also permitted to write on a different topic if you wish). Part of the grade will consist of a proposal for the paper, to be submitted on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Evaluation:

Your overall course grade is calculated as follows:

<i>component</i>	<i>weight</i>
Classroom participation	10%
Reading presentation (x2)	30%
Discussion posts	20%
Final Paper	35%
Proposal	5%

Note: As this is a graduate class, for any given assignment or other evaluation, if you match expectations you will generally receive the equivalent of an A- grade. An A grade will be given if you do an excellent job. A grade lower than A- means that something was lacking. I will give feedback using a rubric to efficiently communicate the strengths and weaknesses of your work. If you would like more detail, I am happy to meet during office hours or at a different time.

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Course Schedule (partial):

<i>week</i>	<i>date (M)</i>	<i>topic</i>	<i>submission</i>
<b>1</b>	2024-08-28	Oxford History of Phonology Ch. 18	
	2024-09-04	Oxford History of Phonology Ch. 19	
<b>2</b>	2024-09-09	Doing Optimality Theory Ch. 1	
	2024-09-11	Doing Optimality Theory Ch. 5	
<b>3</b>	2024-09-16	OTSoft tutorial	
	2024-09-18	Cambridge Handbook of Phonology Ch. 6	discussion post
<b>4</b>	2024-09-23	no class	
	2024-09-25	no class	
<b>5</b>	2024-09-30	Mielke (2008) Ch.1	discussion post
	2024-10-02	McCarthy (1988)	discussion post
<b>6</b>	2024-10-07	Padgett (2002)	discussion post
	2024-10-09	Blackwell Companion to Phonology Ch. 7	discussion post

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-- Reading Week (no classes) --

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