

LINGUISTICS 331: PHONOLOGY 1

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MWF 11:35-12:25, Arts 260

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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 (2011) *Understanding Phonology* (3rd edition). London: Hodder Education.

EVALUATION:

3 Assignments (A1-A2 5% each; A3 10%) Midterm Exam (35%) (evening of Wed Oct 24, 18:05-19:55)
Final Exam (45%)

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PROCEDURES:**1. COURSE MATERIAL:**

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

2. CONFERENCES:

- Conferences are held on Fridays, starting in Week 3 on September 21st. The TA will teach two conferences, one during the Friday lecture time and one at 10:35.
- 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 24th, from 18:05-19:55 in MDHAR G-10.
- 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. Courses with a higher priority than LING 331 are the following: BIOL 306, PHGY 209, MATH 232. Students who qualify must let Heather Goad know by e-mail at heather.goad@mcgill.ca no later than Monday October 15th.

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 the Student Tutorial Service at 398-5816 or tutoring.service@mcgill.ca or contact 'SLUM' (Society of Linguistics Undergraduates of McGill) at slum.linguistics@mail.mcgill.ca.

SCHEDULE OF DATES:

WEEK	DATE	EVALUATION	TOPICS	READINGS
1	Sept 5		Course structure; the nature of phonology	G&J 1 (review G&J 2 if your background in Phonetics is shakey)
	Sept 7		Abstractness in phonology; levels of representation	G&J 3 (mostly review from LING 330); G&J 4-5
2	Sept 10			Distinctive features
	Sept 12-14			
3-4	Sept 17-28	A1 posted Fri Sept 21	Tones and the autonomy of features	G&J 10
		A1 due Fri Sept 28		
5	Oct 1-5	A1 returned Fri Oct 5	The hierarchical organization of features	G&J 12-13
		A2 posted Fri Oct 5		
6	Oct 10-12	A2 due Fri Oct 12	The timing tier	G&J 11, pp. 162-172
7-8	Oct 15-26	A2 returned Fri Oct 19	Syllables and syllabification	G&J 11, pp. 172-184; additional material available on myCourses
		Midterm Wed Oct 24 18:05-19:55		
9-10	Oct 29-Nov 9	Midterm returned Fri Nov 2	Stress	G&J 14-15
		A3 out Fri Nov 9		
11	Nov 12-16		The interaction of phonology and morphology	material available on myCourses
12-13	Nov 19-30	A3 due Fri Nov 23	Issues in derivational vs. representational phonology	material available on myCourses
		A3 returned Fri Nov 30		
14	Dec 3		Review	
	Dec 5		Optional review	