

FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF LINGUISTICS AND APPLIED LANGUAGE STUDIES

LINGUISTICS PROGRAMME LING 328: Phonetics and Phonology

TRIMESTER 2 2012 16 July to 17 November 2012

Trimester dates

Teaching dates: 16 July to 19 October 2012

Mid-trimester break: 27 August to 9 September 2012

Study week: 22-26 October 2012

Examination/Assessment Period: 26 October to 17 November 2012 (Since this course has an examination, you must be able to attend an examination at the University at any time during

the formal examination period.)

Withdrawal dates

Information on withdrawals and refunds may be found at http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/payments/withdrawlsrefunds.aspx

Names and contact details

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3. Class times and locations

Lecture time[s]: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 3.10-4.00pm

Lecture venue: Monday & Wednesday HMLT 104, Thursday MTLT 220

Note: Some of these classes will be practical sessions in a CyberCommons room. Details will be announced in the first week of the course.

4. Teaching learning summary

The content of LING328 will be delivered through lectures as above, including the practical sessions, and through students' own reading.

5. Communication of additional information

Notices will be posted on the School Undergraduate noticeboard located between VZ 309 and VZ 310 on Floor 3 of the von Zedlitz building. Lecture slides will be put on Blackboard, along with other student notices. Notices will also be emailed to all students.

6. LALS main office: VZ210, 2nd floor Von Zedlitz Building, Kelburn Parade

7. LING 328 Course Administrator: Dayna Taramai, tel: 463-5255

8. Course prescription

Advanced work in phonetics and phonology.

9. Course content

Topics covered in the course include: articulatory and acoustic phonetics, phonological universals, phonological rules and metrical phonology. A separate hand-out showing a more detailed breakdown of content to be covered in the course will be distributed in lectures and will be made available on Blackboard.

10. Learning objectives

Students who pass the course should be able to:

- 1. understand in general terms how speech is produced and perceived, and be familiar with the basic physical properties of speech sounds
- 2. describe accurately the sounds of English using instrumental and auditory means, and demonstrate an awareness of the sounds of the world's languages
- 3. show familiarity with a wide range of phonological phenomena, from the segmental to the suprasegmental level, and describe them in formal terms
- 4. relate an acoustic analysis to a phonological representation
- 5. demonstrate an awareness of major trends in phonological theory over the past 50 years

11. Expected workload

Reading: 7hrs/week over 12 weeks

Revision / Research for Project: 6hrs/week over 12 weeks

Exam Preparation: 8 hrs

Total outside hours for course: 164 + 36 hours contact time = 200 hours

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12. Readings

Recommended:

- Clark, John, Colin Yallop and Janet Fletcher 2007. *An Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology* (Third Edition). Oxford: Blackwell.
- Ladefoged, Peter 2006. A Course in Phonetics (Fifth Edition). Boston: Thomson Wadsworth.
- Gussenhoven, Carlos and Haike Jacobs 2005. *Understanding Phonology* (Second Edition). London: Hodder Arnold.

These books are on closed reserve in the university library.

For the first two weeks of trimester all undergraduate textbooks will be sold from the Memorial Theatre foyer. After week two all undergraduate textbooks will be sold from Vicbooks.

Customers can order textbooks online at www.vicbooks.co.nz or can email an order or enquiry to enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz. Books can be couriered to customers or they can be picked up from nominated collection points at each campus. Customers will be contacted when they are available. Opening hours are 8.00 am – 6.00 pm, Monday – Friday during term time (closing at 5.00 pm in the holidays). Phone: 463 5515.

13. Assessment requirements

Assessment	Date Due	Value
1. Acoustic phonetics: spectra, vowel charts and spectrogram	8/8	10%
analysis (max 750 words)		
2. Ear training: close transcription and identification of non-English	22/8	10%
sounds (max 750 words)		
3. Phonological analysis (max 750 words)	27/9	10%
4. Project (max 2250 words)	17/10	30%
5. Exam (2 hours)	TBA*	40%

^{*}In the Examination/Assessment period: 26 October to 17 November 2012.

Assessment will be based on three short assignments, one project and a final examination. Assessment items 1, 2 and 4 will be due at the beginning of the Wednesday lecture and item 3 will be due at the beginning of the Thursday lecture (3.10pm on the dates shown).

The short assignments will be practical exercises on the topics indicated, to consolidate lecture material. Assignment 1 relates in particular to objectives 1, 2 and 4; assignment 2 to objectives 1 and 2; assignment 3 to objectives 1, 3 and 4. The project and the exam relate to all five objectives. Marking criteria will include accuracy of analysis (where appropriate) as well as clarity of communication and the ability to communicate understanding of the phenomena and topics under consideration.

The project is an in-depth investigation of a topic covered in the course or a phonetic and phonological analysis of data from a language other than English showing the relationship between the analysis and theoretical issues raised in the course.

Half of the exam will be short-answer questions, testing understanding of terminology, along with short problems in phonetic and phonological analysis. The other half of the exam will be an essay on one of a range of questions relating to the content of the course.

14. Penalties

In line with LING programme policy, assignments handed in after the due date will receive a considerably reduced grade unless accompanied by a medical certificate or other evidence of exceptional circumstances. Information on penalty arrangements will be included with detailed instructions for each assignment.

15. Mandatory course requirements

All students must make a satisfactory attempt to complete assignment requirements. "Satisfactory" means that where they have not reached a C standard, work must nevertheless reflect the fact that the assignment has been taken seriously and that a reasonable amount of effort has been devoted to the topic. Apart from the exam, no work handed in after 4pm on 24th October may count for these purposes.

All students must also gain a level of 40% in the final examination in order to pass the course.

16. Class Representative

A class representative will be elected in the first class, and that person's name and contact details will be available to VUWSA, the Course Coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinator on behalf of students.

17. Statement on legibility

Students are expected to write clearly. Where work is deemed 'illegible', the options are:

- the student will be given a photocopy of the work and asked to transcribe it to an acceptable standard (preferably typed) within a specified time frame after which penalties will apply;
- the student will be given a photocopy of the work and asked to transcribe it to an acceptable standard (preferably typed) and lateness penalties apply;
- if the student does not transcribe it to an acceptable standard, the work will be accepted as 'received' (so any associated mandatory course requirements are met) but not marked.

18. Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

Academic integrity means that university staff and students, in their teaching and learning are expected to treat others honestly, fairly and with respect at all times. It is not acceptable to mistreat academic, intellectual or creative work that has been done by other people by representing it as your own original work.

Academic integrity is important because it is the core value on which the University's learning, teaching and research activities are based. Victoria University's reputation for academic integrity adds value to your qualification.

The University defines plagiarism as presenting someone else's work as if it were your own, whether you mean to or not. 'Someone else's work' means anything that is not your own idea. Even if it is presented in your own style, you must acknowledge your sources fully and appropriately. This includes:

- Material from books, journals or any other printed source
- The work of other students or staff
- Information from the internet
- Software programs and other electronic material
- Designs and ideas
- The organisation or structuring of any such material

Find out more about plagiarism, how to avoid it and penalties, on the University's website: http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx

19. Where to find more detailed information

Find key dates, explanations of grades and other useful information at www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study. Find out how academic progress is monitored and how enrolment can be restricted at http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress.aspx. Most statutes and policies are available at www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/calendar.aspx (See Section C).

Other useful information for students may be found at the Academic Office website, at www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about-victoria/avcacademic.