

LING200 A01 – Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology

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Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays:
10:30- 11:20 am

Prerequisites: LING100A or LING181



In this course, we will explore how language involves the use of non-distinctive and distinctive elements. In the case of sound elements, we will discuss various classifications of articulation, reviewing English sounds and introducing additional sounds evident in the world's languages and explain some of the basic physical properties of sounds, i.e., the acoustics. Additionally, we will develop our fluency transcribing sounds using the IPA alphabet. The latter half of the course concentrates on distinctive elements. Still focused on sound, we will consider numerous examples that provide the opportunity to observe, describe, and explain how sounds can pattern in language given specific theoretical perspectives.

Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to...

- Demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts of phonetics and phonology.
- Recognize, transcribe, describe, and analyze sounds and their production.
- Phonologically analyse sound systems through observation, description, and explanation.
- Demonstrate the ability to use tools and techniques for linguistics analysis through practice and assessment opportunities.
- Develop teamwork, problem solving, critical thinking, and creative skills critical to the study of linguistics and other disciplines as well as to your career through completing course assessments.
- Hone teamwork, organization, and communication skills through completing course assessments.

This course involves participation in synchronous in-person lectures and activities in addition to the completion of readings and exercises to meet these objectives. Course resources and most assessments are online although students may choose to use a paper text. Assessments include quizzes, a final exam, four assignments, two ear training quizzes, and participation activities.