

University of Victoria.  
Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology: LING 200 A01.  
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Section:	A01.	CRN Number:	12007.
Unit Value:	1.5 units.	Prerequisites:	None.
Contact Days:	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays.	Contact Hours:	11:30 am to 12:20 pm.
Delivery Method:	Synchronous Face-to-face.	Classroom:	MAC D115.

#### Course Content.

This 1.5-unit course has LING 100A or LING 181 as a prerequisite. Introduction to Phonetics and Phonology explores how language involves both distinctive and non-distinctive elements. Focusing on sound, we will examine various classifications of articulation, review English sounds, introduce additional sounds found in the world's languages, and explore the basic physical properties of sound — i.e., acoustics. We will also develop fluency in transcribing sounds using the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA). The second half of the course concentrates on distinctive elements. Remaining focused on sound, we will consider numerous examples that provide opportunities to observe, describe, and explain how sounds behave and interact within language, examined through specific theoretical frameworks.

#### Required Materials.

1. Electronic (Paper may also be available): Ladefoged, P. & Johnson, K. (2015). A Course in Phonetics (7th ed.). Wadsworth, Cengage Learning. ISBN: 9781285463407.
2. Additional readings provided on Brightspace.
3. Freely downloadable speech analysis software: Version 6.4.65 (<https://www.fon.hum.uva.nl/praat/>).
4. Other Materials: A good quality headset for sound analysis and ear training, two or three different coloured highlighters.
5. Minimum technology requirements for students (see [UVic Requirements](#)). These apply as this course requires some online participation.

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