



LING 380: Acoustic and Perceptual Phonetics (1.5 units) Fall 2025 – University of Victoria



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Schedule

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 1:30-2:20pm

Prerequisites

LING 200 or permission of the department

Description

LING 380 focuses on the acoustic properties of speech and on how these properties are perceived by listeners. In this course, students are trained in transcription using the IPA and in the use of instrumental tools and techniques for analyzing speech sounds. We begin by exploring sounds in different varieties of English and then move on to speech sounds found in languages across the world. By the end of this course, you will be able to transcribe, describe, and acoustically analyze speech from a wide range of languages, dialects, and speakers.

Textbooks & materials

- Ladefoged, Peter & Keith Johnson (2015). *A Course in Phonetics*, 7th Edition. Stamford, CT USA: Cengage Learning.
- Praat (free speech analysis software): <http://www.praat.org>
- IPA fonts: <https://www.internationalphoneticassociation.org/content/ipa-fonts>

Instructor

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