Syllabus

LING 511/ENGL 513 Phonology I REC 316 TThu 10:30 – 11:45 pm

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REQUIRED READING

Zsiga, Elizabeth C. 2013. The Sounds of Language.

If we decide to add extra readings, they will be made available on the Blackboard.

GRADING

Homework assignments (6) 40%

Midterm exam 30% (take home) Final exam 30% (take home)

GROUP WORK

Class participants are welcome to discuss the homework assignments with each other but each person must write up their homework assignments and exams on their own.

EXAMS

Midterm: A take-home exam comparable to an extended homework assignment.

Final: A take-home exam comparable to a bigger and more complex homework assignment with additional theoretical questions.

HOMEWORK

There will be 6 homework assignments, each due a week after it was made available (if handed out on Thursday, due next Thursday). We will discuss the homework in class the day it was due, with two students leading the discussion each time. During the discussion you will mark (with a different color pen) the places in your own write-up of the homework that you think were on the wrong track or had an alternative solution. Then you will turn in the marked up homework for my review.

Tentative Course Schedule (subject to change)

WEEK	TOPIC/LECTURE	READING
1	Introductions	Zc Ch. 1
	Production of Speech Sounds:	
	The vocal tract	
2	Phonetics. Articulation of consonants	Zc Ch. 2-3
3	Phonetics. Articulation of vowels	Zc Ch. 2, 4
4	Phonetics. The physics of sound	Zc Ch. 6
	Perceptual properties of sounds	
5	Phonology: Contrast and predictability	Zc Ch. 10
	Phonemic Analysis	
6	Phonetic similarity	Zc Ch. 10
	Free variation	
	Positional neutralization	
7	Phonotactics. Alternations	Zc Ch. 11
8	October break, no class on Tuesday	Zc Ch. 11
	Alternations cont-d	
9	Alternations cont-d	Zc Ch. 11-12
	Distinctive features.	
	Midterm handed out	
10	Distinctive features	Zc Ch. 12
	Midterm is due	
11	Rules and derivations	Zc Ch. 13
12	Constraint-based phonology	Zc Ch. 14
13	Syllables and prosodic domains	Zc Ch. 15
	Syllable weight	
14	Stress	Zc Ch. 16
	Thanksgiving vacation, no class on Thursday	
15	Tone and intonation	Zc Ch. 17
	Take-home final handed out	
16	Spill-over OR chapter of interest	
	Take-home final due on Dec 7 by 5pm in my	
	mailbox in Stanley Coulter (hard copy)	