

Faculty: Foreign Languages

Study program: Bachelor in English Language

Course Title: Phonetics

Course Credits: 7 ECTS

Language of Instruction: English

Course Description: In this course, we will be mindful that linguistically significant aspects of the sounds of a language have to do with meaning on some level, whether it is to distinguish words from each other, to join together words of particular kinds, to mark (or do) something social, such as where the speaker comes from, or to handle the flow of talk in a conversation. We will make observations of English speaking communities and individuals in order to show how the phonetic and phonological potential of the vocal tract is used by speakers of English, in various settings.

Course Goals: Equip students with the ability to understand the system of sound and sound combinations in English; understand how sounds are produced, transmitted, and perceived; differentiate between consonants and vowels; provide pronunciation training in sounds in isolation and in connected speech; identify phonemes and allophones; enhance students' phonemic transcription skills by having them transcribe written and spoken texts.

Course Requirements:

Homework assignments

Mid-term Test

Participation in seminars

Grading:

Seminars: 10%

Homework assignments: 5%

Mid-term Test: 15%

Final Exam: 70%

Course Schedule:

Two lectures per week.

Two seminars per week.

Lectures are optional.

Seminar attendance is 75%.