SYLLABUS

LIN 380K: Phonology I

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Course outline

Section 1. The sounds of the world’s languages (Weeks 1-7, approximately)

• Basics of speech sound production: Vocal tract, aerodynamics, acoustics
• Survey of the sounds of the world’s languages
• IPA transcription
• Acoustic correlates of speech sound categories
• Distinctive features
• Step-by-step description of speech sound production
• Contextual variation in speech sound realization

Section 2. Basic phonological analysis (Weeks 8-15, approximately)

• Distribution of speech sound categories
• Basic analysis of category distribution: Determining the patterns of distribution in a dataset and modeling them
• Interaction of distributional restrictions
• Recurring patterns of distribution and their phonetic bases

Textbook

There is no textbook for this course.
Grades

The grade for the course will be based on homework assignments (about one a week), and two tests:

- 60%: Average of homework assignments
- 20%: 1st test (at the end of Section 1, about 10/8)
- 20%: 2nd test (take-home - at the end of the course)

The grades for assignments and quizzes will be based on the percentage of correct answers:

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Policies

(1) Handing in assignments

- Assignments can be handed in any time during the day they are due.
- An assignment that gets to me after that is late, and will not be accepted (except in documentable cases of illness or family emergencies).
- Assignments can be given to me in class, or put through the mail slot of my office (CAL 418), or put in my mailbox in CAL 501, or sent as an e-mail attachment in PDF form.

(2) Working together

- You are welcome to work together on homework assignments.
- You may not work together on tests. You cannot discuss the take-home test with anyone until the due date is past.

(2) Accommodations for students with disabilities

- The University of Austin provides upon request appropriate academic accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. For more information, contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 471-6259, 471-6441 TTY.