Linguistics 560: Advanced Phonology
Fall 2016, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

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Course Description: This course engages students in an advanced, in-depth discussion of topics in phonology, giving equal weight to theoretical and experimental approaches. We will read and critique original journal articles that have contributed to our understanding of core phonological principles, and we will walk through and analyze experiments that have investigated these principles in the lab.

Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:
1. Read, comprehend, and cogently summarize scientific articles on phonology.
2. Describe how competing theories differ in their accounts of phonological phenomena.
3. Understand the basic design of phonological experiments.
4. Generate new theoretical proposals and new ideas for experimentally testing such theories.

Pre-requisite: Linguistics 460 (Introductory Phonology, “Sounds and Sound Systems”) or equivalent.

Required readings:
All of the articles listed in the weekly schedule (below) are required.

Time commitment: Approximately ten hours per week. Of this, students will spend two hours and thirty minutes in class; they will spend the remaining time engaged in reading, study, and preparation.

Course requirements and grading
Grading will be based on a 200-point total, broken down according to the following course requirements:
- Eight in-class reading responses (9 points each, 72 points total)
- 2 quizzes (30 points each, 60 points total)
- One oral presentation of a research article (28 points)
- One oral presentation of final project (40 points)

In addition, graduate students must hand in a write-up of their final project, due on Thursday, Dec 20, 2016. For these students only, the final project grade of 40 points will take into account both the oral presentation and the write-up.
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Major issues in the study of phonology. Motivation for theoretical and experimental approaches.

Week 2. September 13 & 15. Representations.
Tuesday
In-class: Reading response #1

Thursday

In-class: Reading response #2

Week 4. September 27 & 29. Assimilation, Part II.
In-class: Reading response #3

In-class: Reading response #4

Thursday: Quiz #1

In-class: Reading response #5

Week 7. October 18 & 20. Underspecification, Part II.
In-class: Reading response #6
Week 8. October 25 & 27. Quantity.
Tuesday
In-class: Reading response #7

Thursday

Tuesday
In-class: Reading response #8

Thursday

Week 10. November 8 & 10. Sonority and syllables, Part II.
Tuesday
Continued discussion of sonority

Thursday
Quiz #2

Student presentation of research articles.


Tuesday

Thursday
Student presentation of final projects.
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December 20: Final paper deadline for graduate students
Fine print

UWM Policies and Procedures
In this course, we will abide by the UWM policies and procedures as described in the following document.
http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/SecU/SyllabusLinks.pdf

Students with disabilities
Students with disabilities should notify the instructor immediately so that we can make appropriate accommodations. We will follow university procedures as described in the following document.
http://www4.uwm.edu/sac/SACltr.pdf

Religious observances
Students who plan to observe religious holidays should notify the instructor immediately so that we can make appropriate accommodations. We will follow university procedures as described in the following document.
http://www4.uwm.edu/secu/docs/other/S1.5.htm

Students called to active military duty
Students who are called to active military duty should notify the instructor immediately so that we can make appropriate accommodations. We will follow university procedures as described in the following document.
Students: http://www4.uwm.edu/current_students/military_call_up.cfm