

English Phonetics

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Time: 13:10-15:00 (Monday)
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Textbook: Ladefoged, Peter. (2001). *A Course in Phonetics* (4th Ed.). Orlando, FL: Harcourt, Inc.

Website: <http://web.ntpu.edu.tw/~language/course/phonetics/phonetic.htm>

Objectives: This course is designed to introduce the basic knowledge or theories of English phonetics. Foreign Language majors are obliged to have the basic understanding of phonetic systems and to know how the sound changes according to different phonological environments.

Assignments: Students are required to study the materials in advance. They are also required to do homework (sometimes with partners) at the computer lab (Room 301, Humanity). Pop quizzes will be given whenever time permits. Performance in class and in homework will be a key factor that determines students' final grades.

Instruction: This is not only a lecture course; students are also required to be engaged in discussions or presentations. Homework includes exploration through the Internet exploration and computer programs that help students understand the theories related to the topic.

Attendance: **No one is allowed to be absent from class for any reason.** If the absence is caused by irresistible factors **such as hospitalization**, legal, verifiable documents are always required. The purpose of this basic requirement is to remind Foreign Language majors to be responsible for what they are doing and for the roles they have to play when they graduate from college.

Grades:	Participations and homework	50%
	Mid-term	25%
	Final	25% = Total 100%

A Tentative Schedule

2/26	An introduction to the course, the instruments, and related websites
3/5	Chapter 1: Articulatory Phonetics; understanding of the organs that produce sounds
3/12	Chapter 8: The components of sound
3/19	Chapter 8: The concept and practice of acoustic Phonetics
3/26	Chapter 2: Phonology and phonetic transcription
4/2	Chapter 4: English vowels and phonological rules
4/9	Chapter 3: The consonants of English and phonological rules
4/16	Chapter 5: English Words and Sentences
4/23	Midterm
4/30	Chapter 6: Airstream Mechanisms and Phonation Types
5/7	Chapter 7: Place and Manner of Articulation
5/14	Chapter 9: Vowels and Vowel-like Articulations
5/21	Chapter 10: Syllables and Suprasegmental Features
5/28	Introducing ToBI system
6/4	ToBI system (continued)
6/11	Chapter 11: Final report / Final Exam (Might be on June 25th)