

## English Linguistics II: Phonology (A001271)

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits** 5.0                      **Study time** 150 h                      **Contact hrs** 45.0h

**Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2022-2023**

A (semester 1)	English	Gent	lecture	15.0h
			seminar: practical PC room classes	10.0h
			lecture: plenary exercises	5.0h

**Lecturers in academic year 2022-2023**

De Soete, Alexander	LW06	staff member
Simon, Ellen	LW22	lecturer-in-charge

**Offered in the following programmes in 2022-2023**

	<b>crdts</b>	<b>offering</b>
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject Dutch - English)</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - German)</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Greek)</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Italian)</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Latin)</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Spanish)</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English - Swedish)</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject French - English)</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Exchange Programme Linguistics and Literature</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Linking Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English)</a>	5	A
<a href="#">Preparatory Course Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature(main subject English)</a>	5	A

**Teaching languages**

English

**Keywords**

English, linguistics, phonology, phonetics, segmental, suprasegmental

**Position of the course**

This course teaches students to describe and transcribe a spoken utterance in English in a theoretical and descriptive phonological framework and makes them familiar with the basic principles of current phonological theories, contrastive phonology and phonological first and second language acquisition.

**Note for exchange students:** Exchange students wishing to take 'English Linguistics II: Phonology' should be aware that this course partly builds on expertise gained in English Linguistics I and that a background in linguistics is hence expected.

**Contents**

This course deals with various aspects of the phonological description of the English language, in particular Received Pronunciation (Standard British English). Segmental aspects (isolated sounds, stress in individual words, allophonic variation) as well as suprasegmental aspects (prosody incl. intonation, stress in a tone unit and phenomena such as sound deletion, sound contraction, etc.) are taken into consideration.

**Initial competences**

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**Final competences**

- 1 describe and classify the vowels and consonants of English (RP)
- 2 describe in detail the movements of the speech organs and the airstream mechanism in the production of English sounds
- 3 master the key concepts of the phonetics and phonology of English, such as phonemes versus allophones, syllable structure, phenomena of connected speech, stress and intonation, etc.
- 4 phonemically transcribe English speech, with attention to aspects of connected speech, such as assimilations, elisions, reductions
- 5 explain the basic principles of a number of phonological theories (traditional generative phonology, Optimality Theory)
- 6 conduct a contrastive phonological analysis by comparing the English phonological system to the Dutch one
- 7 have insight into the principles in phonological first and second language acquisition
- 8 demonstrate the relation between phonology and orthography in English

#### **Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is unrestricted: the student takes into consideration the conditions mentioned in 'Starting Competences'

#### **Conditions for exam contract**

Access to this course unit via an exam contract is unrestricted

#### **Teaching methods**

Lecture: plenary exercises, Lecture, Seminar: practical pc room classes

#### **Learning materials and price**

(1) textbook: Collins, B. & I.M. Mees. (2019). *Practical Phonetics and Phonology. A resource book for students (4th edition)* London & New York: Routledge; available at Story Scientia; estimated price: 42 euro

(2) powerpoint presentations and a number of scientific articles electronically available on Ufora; estimated price: 5,50 euro

#### **References**

- pronunciation dictionary: Wells, J.C. (2008, 3rd ed.). Longman Pronunciation Dictionary, Harlow: Pearson.

#### **Course content-related study coaching**

personal: by oral or electronic appointment

#### **Assessment moments**

end-of-term assessment

#### **Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

Skills test, Written examination with open questions

#### **Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

Skills test, Written examination

#### **Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

#### **Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

not applicable

#### **Extra information on the examination methods**

*Assessment moment*

Periodical (100%)

*Assessment form*

Written exam in which the knowledge of and insights into the phonetics and phonology of English are tested and in which students are expected to phonemically transcribe English sentences in connected speech.

#### **Calculation of the examination mark**

periodical assessment: 100% of the score

#### **Facilities for Working Students**

1. Possible exemption from certain educational activities requiring student attendance.
2. The examination cannot be rescheduled
3. Feedback can be given by email, telephone or during an appointment during or after office

hours

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