



Western Kentucky University

Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

CD-405 Phonetics

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Credit Hours: 3

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Class Meeting Day/Time/Location:

This course will meet virtually on Tuesday's from 7:00 – 8:30 PM CST

The Zoom link for class will be available on Blackboard

Required Textbook

Small, L. *Fundamentals of Phonetics 5th Edition*. Hoboken, NJ: Pearson Education, Inc. 2020.

**You must use the Pearson e-textbook to access the audio content used for assignments. The textbook will be available through Blackboard - see Blackboard for more details.*

Course Description

Study of distinctive feature systems that classify consonants and vowels, the definitions of phonological process terminology, and practice in broad and narrow transcription of words and connected speech.

Method of Instruction

Instruction will use both online, synchronous class meetings using Zoom and asynchronous class content delivered using Blackboard, reading assignments, and online learning activities.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, students will be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of:

- the principles underlying the classification and description of speech sounds and prosodic patterns.

- the basic sound systems and structure of English, including awareness of regional and social variation and culturally and linguistically diverse (CLD) populations.
- phonological processes, with emphasis on patterns of contrast and sequencing, and the skills involved in data analysis.

Evaluation of Student Achievement

Attendance / Participation	50 points
Assignments x9	20 points each = 180 points
Tests x3	100 points each = 300 points
Final Project	150 points
Total Possible Points	680

Grading Scale

Grades are based on the total percentage of points earned. This means that your grade equals earned points/total points. The grading scale is as follows:

A: 93-100%

B: 85-93%

C: 77-84%

D: 68-76%

F: 67% and below

Course Policies

Communication

All class correspondence will be delivered to your WKU e-mail address or posted to Blackboard. Please check your e-mail and Blackboard regularly for class information, changes, and updates. E-mails to instructor will be answered within 48 hours (about 2 days) of receipt. I expect the same courtesy from students.

Attendance and Participation

Attendance to online synchronous chats is required unless extenuating circumstances exist and previous arrangements have been made with instructor. Attendance is taken each class meeting for attendance points; this includes being logged into class on time and being present for the entire duration of class. Emergencies will be addressed on an individual basis and must be communicated to the instructor as soon as possible. Instructor may provide alternate assignments to replace missed online classes. Students are responsible for learning material that is covered in class or obtaining notes/information from peers following any absence. Attendance and class participation are essential to successful course completion.

Late Assignments

Late assignments are not accepted. All assignments will be due by 11:59 PM Central Standard Time on the due date indicated on the course schedule. Emergencies will be addressed on an individual basis and must be communicated to instructor as soon as possible.

Course Modification Clause

The instructor reserves the right to modify the syllabus, course schedule and assignments as needed. This is so that course requirements can be fulfilled, student and instructor needs can be met, and student learning potential can be enhanced. Any changes will be communicated to the students via an announcement through Blackboard or during class times as soon as possible.

Assignment Quality

Assignments submitted should be in full and contain proper mechanics in writing (e.g., spelling, grammar, sentence structure, and punctuation). Accurate use of phonetic symbols must also be utilized. Inadequate demonstration of these mechanics will result in point deductions.

University Policies

Technology Management

Managing student technology is the sole responsibility of the student. The student is responsible for making sure that: (a) student word processing software is compatible with that used by the University; (b) student email software is working properly and that students know how to use it (e.g., to send attachments to the professor); (c) Internet service providers' equipment and software are installed and working properly in conjunction with student computers; (d) in the event that a student's computer stops working properly or becomes totally inoperative, the student has another means by which he or she can successfully complete the course; and (e) any other student technology problem or issue gets successfully resolved; this in part implies that if a student cannot resolve any personal technology difficulties, his or her only workable solution may be to drop the course.

IT Help Desk

Please familiarize yourself with the business hours of WKU's IT help desk as well as the website and alternative means of communication with the IT department. The IT Help Desk can be reached at 270-745-7000.

Academic Integrity and Student Code of Conduct

This course will adhere to the WKU Academic Integrity and Student Code of Conduct. Please visit these websites for more information about academic dishonesty and the WKU Student Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct contains new policies, requirements, and procedures that will be enforced for the 2019/2020 academic year. The links for this information is as follows:

<https://www.wku.edu/handbook/academic-dishonesty.php>

<https://www.wku.edu/studentconduct/student-code-of-conduct.php>

Plagiarism

From the WKU Faculty Handbook, 24th edition, p. 61-62: "To represent ideas or interpretations taken from another source as one's own is plagiarism. Plagiarism is a serious offense. The academic work of students must be their own. Students must give the author(s) credit for any source material used. To lift content directly from a source without giving credit is a flagrant act. To present a borrowed passage after having changed a few words, even if the source is cited, is also plagiarism."

Disposition of Offenses. Students who commit any act of academic dishonesty may receive from the instructor a failing grade in that portion of the course work in which the act is detected or a failing grade in the course without possibility of withdrawal. The faculty member may also present the case to the University Disciplinary Committee through the Office of the Dean of Student Life for disciplinary sanctions. Students who believe a faculty member has dealt unfairly with them in a situation involving alleged academic dishonesty may seek relief through the Student Complaint Procedure.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement

Recognition and respect are core aspects of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). The way we value and respond to facets of DEI is critical to our personal, academic, and professional growth. Every person in this class contributes to its diverse composition. We each contribute to the class by way of our being, values, thoughts, and experiences. While we may not always agree with or understand these factors and constructs, we are all responsible for maintaining a respectful environment for sharing and learning. I am committed to providing a teaching and learning environment conducive to fostering this recognition and respect. Please see the CHHS (College of Health and Human Services) DEI webpage to navigate additional resources/supports throughout the college and university: <https://www.wku.edu/chhs/diversity/>.

Title IX Misconduct/Assault Statement

Western Kentucky University (WKU) is committed to supporting faculty, staff, and students by upholding WKU's Title IX Sexual Misconduct/Assault Policy (#0.2070) at <https://wku.edu/eoo/documents/titleix/wkutitleixpolicyandgrievanceprocedure.pdf> and Discrimination and Harassment Policy (#0.2040) at https://wku.edu/policies/hr_policies/2040_discrimination_harassment_policy.pdf. Under these policies, discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct based on sex/gender are prohibited. If you experience an incident of sex/gender-based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct, you are encouraged to report it to the Title IX Coordinator, Andrea Anderson, 270-745-5398 or Title IX Investigators, Michael Crowe, 270-745-5429 or Joshua Hayes, 270-745-5121. Please note that while you may report an incident of sex/gender-based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct to a faculty member, WKU faculty are "Responsible Employees" of the University and MUST report what you share to WKU's Title IX Coordinator or Title IX Investigator. If you would like to speak with someone who may be able to afford you confidentiality, you may contact WKU's Counseling and Testing Center at 270-745-3159.

ADA Accommodation Statement

In compliance with university policy, students with disabilities who require academic and/or auxiliary accommodations for this course must contact the Student Accessibility Resource Center located in Downing Student Union, 1074. SARC (Student Accessibility Resource Center) can be reached by phone number at 270-745-5004 [270-745-3030 TTY] or via email at sarc.connect@wku.edu. Please do not request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a faculty notification letter (FNL) from The Student Accessibility Resource Center.

Grievance

The University's Grievance Policy is specified at the following URL: <https://www.wku.edu/handbook/academic-complaint.php>