

# Syllabus

Course Name: **Phonology**  
Course Number: 01:615:315  
Semester: Fall 2022

## Lecturer

Prof. Akinbiyi **Akinlabi**  
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## Contact: Office Hours

- Prof Akinlabi's office hours, from September 14, are **Wednesdays 2:30 – 4:00pm**.

If you have class during this time, you may contact Prof Akinlabi to arrange another time to meet. Keep in mind that due to demands on Prof Akinlabi's time, you should arrange a time to meet several days advance.

## Contact: Email

- Due to the complex nature of the course content and the frequent need for visual demonstration of answers, **content questions will not be addressed via email**. You may ask questions about course content in class and during Office Hours.
- For non-content questions, read the Syllabus and look through the course CANVAS site first: your question may already have been answered there.
- For other inquiries, you can expect a reply within two working days (i.e. weekdays). If you send an email after 5pm on a weekday, the following day is the first working day.
- Please note that Rutgers University forbids auto-forwarding official email to your private email address (e.g. "gmail", etc.), or using your private email for official purposes.

Email: Prof Akinlabi: [akinlabi@linguistics.rutgers.edu](mailto:akinlabi@linguistics.rutgers.edu)

## Linguistics Department Information

Map: <http://maps.rutgers.edu/building.aspx?id=189>

URL: <http://ling.rutgers.edu>

18 Seminary Place, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Department Administrator: Lynn Decaprio, Room 102 (ph. (848 932-1370)

Hours: 8am-4pm. Tuesday, Thursday

### Course Learning Goals

By the end of this course, students will:

- Understand fundamentals of phonological theory
- Understand and create standard Generative segmental and prosodic representations
- Understand and model basic transformations

### Department Learning Goals

Students will reason about language; identify how incorrect or irrational assumptions and prejudices distort understanding of language; demonstrate knowledge about language in the world including a sophisticated understanding of linguistic and cultural variation, and evaluate popular views on the nature of human languages and their speakers.

*Majors and minors* will also demonstrate technical mastery over the tools of linguistic analysis in syntax, **phonology** and semantics and apply linguistic theory in these areas. They will investigate linguistic data and analyze it; demonstrate strong problem-solving skills; extend their understanding of theoretical linguistics into other domains of linguistic research; apply the techniques of linguistics that they have learned in the core courses to new topics; and access current research in the field. Some students will investigate language in a broader context, where it can be systematically and rationally explored using their sophisticated understanding how language works.

### Required Reading

The basic textbook for this course is: Hayes, Bruce (2009) Introductory Phonology. Wiley Blackwell.

(Note: It is **less expensive** to buy this book online)

### Recommend Reading

Other recommended readings will be provided via the CANVAS course site (see *Lectures*) as the course progresses.

### Course Webpage

- You should have access to the website “01:615:315:02” on CANVAS.
- For lecture materials, click on *Files*.
- If you have problems with CANVAS, please contact the CANVAS help desk. The lecturer or Linguistics department staff are unable to help you with CANVAS issues.

## Course Requirements

### Exams

You will be assessed using assignments and exams.

The assignments account for 30% of your final grade.

Different Exams have different dates – see the CANVAS site.

See the CANVAS site for details about grades and values.

### EXTRA CREDIT

You have the opportunity to raise your final grade by up to 3 percent through experimental participation.

- Some faculty and graduate students in the Department of Linguistics do experimental research on language. This research depends on the participation of undergraduate participants.
- You have the option of participating in Linguistics experiments during the semester. Each experiment usually takes between 20 and 45 minutes.
- You will get 1 point for every half hour of experimental participation. It does not matter what subfield of Linguistics this experiment is in, but it must be in Linguistics.
- Experiments are offered through the Linguistics department experiment management system (sona): <http://rutgerslinguistics.sona-systems.com/>. Towards the beginning of the semester, your name and email will be added to the experiment system. You will be issued an anonymous id to participate in experiments through this system. Once Linguistics experiments are posted, you can sign up online. Note that this system is different from the psychology pool, and you should not use a psychology ID to log in to the system.
- Any student enrolled in a Linguistics undergraduate course is eligible to participate in Linguistics experiments, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, language status, or impairments, disorders, or disabilities (as long as his/her instructor provides the opportunity). You cannot be denied participation for any of these reasons.
- If you are taking multiple Linguistics courses that allow for experimental participation to count towards extra credit, you are responsible for making sure you have assigned the credit correctly through the experiment system online. This is not your instructor's, the experimenter's or the experiment system administrator's job!
- If you sign up for, but fail to show up for, two or more experiments, you may be barred from further participation, so please note the time and location of your experiments, and take your schedule and transportation time into account.
- After you participate in an experiment, your attendance will be automatically logged on a website. The instructor will consult this website at the end of semester to determine how many extra points to credit you. However, you may wish to *also* inform your instructor of the number of experiments you participated in.
- Extra credit will be available up to but not including the last week of semester.

### Participation

All students are required to attend lectures (see *Attendance Policy* below).

### Grade Calculation: Summary

You will be given an F if:

- You have unexcused absences from five classes or more.
- You fail to take *any* of the exams (Midterm or Final). **I do not have makeup exams.**
  
- You will receive an F on an *assignment* if you submit it after the due date.
  
- Your course grade is made up of assignments and exams as detailed above in “Exams”.
  
- Extra Credit (see above) is **optional**. Any extra credit you earn will be **added** to your course score. (It is possible to earn up to 103% in this course).

## Class Schedule

- This schedule *may change* as the semester progresses.
- Academic Calendar: <https://scheduling.rutgers.edu/scheduling/academic-calendar>

Week	Date	Lecture
1	Tu 9/6	Introduction: What is Phonology?
	Th 9/8	Articulatory Phonetics Review (Hayes; chp1)
2	Tu 9/13	Articulatory Phonetics Review
	Th 9/15	Phonemic analysis (Hayes; chp2)
3	Tu 9/20	Phonemic analysis (Hayes chp3)
	Th 9/22	Class Exercises (Korean and other problems)/ Phonological Processes)
4	Tu 9/27	Rule Interaction and Rule Ordering (Hayes; chp5)
	Th 9/29	Distinctive features (Hayes; chp4)
5	Tu 10/4	Justification for features
	Th 10/6	Features and Phonological Processes
6	Tu 10/11	Feature Redundancy
	Th 10/13	Morphology & Alternations (Hayes; chp5)
7	Tu 10/18	Underlying Rep. (Russian voicing alternation)
	Th 10/20	Underlying representations. (Hayes; chp6)
8	Tu 10/25	Midterm Review
	Th 10/27	Midterm
9	Tu 11/01	Midterm Solution
	Th 11/03	More on Underlying Rep (Hayes; chp6)
10	Tu 11/08	Neutralization (Hayes; chp7)
	Th 11/10	Allomorphy (Hayes; chp8)
11	Tu 11/15	Rule Productivity (Hayes; chp9)
	Th 11/17	Syllables (Hayes; chp13)
12	Tu 11/22	Syllabic Phonology (Hayes; chp14)
	Th 11/24	THANKSGIVING – NO CLASS
13	Tu 11/29	Stress
	Th 12/01	Tone (Hayes; chp15)
14	Tu 12/6	Constraint Interaction
	Th 12/8	Revisions LAST CLASS

## Policies

All students are required to read and abide by the policies specified on the Linguistics Department's Webpage: <http://ling.rutgers.edu> > Undergraduate > Resources > Policies

### Important highlights:

- Re. *Policy on Students with Disabilities*:

Students with disabilities should contact the Office of Disability Services to arrange for documentation regarding appropriate course-related accommodation. The lecturer cannot give accommodation without appropriate documentation.

- Re. *Policy on Religiously Observant Students*:

Students are advised that they should provide timely notification to instructors about necessary absences.

- Re. *Attendance Policy*:

**It is up to the instructor to determine how to handle your absence from classes, labs, or exams.** Reporting your absence does not "excuse" you. It notifies your instructors, a courtesy that provides an opportunity for you to contact your instructor directly about missed work. **In addition to reporting your absence at <https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra>, you should contact your instructor directly.**

In addition to the policies on the Linguistics Department's website, the following policies apply:

### Timely Attendance Policy

- Students are advised to arrive **5 minutes** before the beginning of class.

### Maximum Absence Policy

- The maximum number of class absences is five.
- If the student has more than five unexcused class absences, the student will be assigned a grade of F regardless of examination scores or other work.
- If the student has more than five class absences *for any reason*, the student must contact the instructor to determine whether they should continue in the course. It is typical in this case that students withdraw from the course as class attendance is an essential component of learning the material.

### Late Assignment/Exam Policy

All assignments must be completed by the due date and time.

- If you are ill and miss the deadline, contact your instructor. You will be asked to provide proof of illness (usually a doctor's note).
- If you know you will miss an exam/assignment deadline, it is your responsibility to contact your instructor as early in the semester as possible. You can arrange to take an alternative assessment, or to submit the exam/assignment on another date.

### Academic Integrity

You are required to know and follow Rutgers' policies on Academic Integrity: <http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/> > Academic Integrity Policy, and > For Students

- **Collaboration:** Students must **not collaborate** on answering questions in homework assignments or exams; homework assignments and exams must be done independently.
- **Discussion:** Students must **not discuss or show** their assignment questions and answers to **anyone except for the instructor, Prof Akinlabi**, until *both* the assignment due date has passed *and* they have submitted their assignment.
- Collaboration and Discussion as defined above are violations of the Academic Integrity policy.
- All instances of plagiarism and any other violation of the Academic Integrity Policy will be reported to the [Office of Student Affairs](#).
- If you cheat or plagiarize on any exam (Midterm or Final), you automatically score 0% on that exam.

### Complaints

The Bylaws of the Department of Linguistics direct that **any complaint must first be directed to the Course Instructor/Lecturer (Prof Akinlabi)**. The concern should be shared in a timely manner, and that individual should be given an opportunity to address the concern.

If the complaint is still not resolved, it will be referred to the Undergraduate Program Director.

If the complaint is still not resolved, it will be referred to the Chair of the Department of Linguistics.

If the complaint is still not resolved, it will be referred to the Dean.

### Department Resources

The Linguistics Department's Website:  
<http://ling.rutgers.edu>

CANVAS (Course Management System):  
<http://CANVAS.rutgers.edu>

Student Absence Reporting System:  
<https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra/>

The Undergraduate Linguistics Club:  
<http://ling.rutgers.edu>: click *Undergraduate Club* in the rightmost box.

The Department of Linguistics Newsletter (SNARL):  
<http://ling.rutgers.edu>: click *News and Events > Our Newsletter*