

University of Florida at Gainesville  
Linguistics Program  
4131 Turlington Hall  
**LIN 3201**  
**Sounds of Human Language**

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**Overview:**

Humans use a wide variety of sounds in producing language. This course enables the student to recognize the sounds of human languages, to understand how they are made, and to identify the physical properties that correspond to them. We study the patterning and function of sounds in languages of the world, doing in-class research on an unfamiliar language to apply the methods of analyzing a language's sound system.

**Prerequisite:** LIN 3010 (Introduction to Linguistics)

**Objectives:** On completion of this course, students should be able to:

- accurately transcribe speech from an unfamiliar language or dialect
- describe the articulatory processes involved in producing speech sounds
- perform a phonemic analysis on phonetic data
- recognize and label common phonological processes
- appreciate similarities among phonetic/phonological systems of languages

**Assessment**

% of course grade

Transcription Exercises (Smalley) (16)

8%

Attendance & Classroom Participation

10%

Home work (5)

25%

Quizzes (5)

25%

Fieldwork Project (1)

20%

Production Quiz (1)

6%

Perception Quiz (1)

6%

**Grading Scale**

93.7–100% = A	90-93.6% = A-	86.7-89.9% = B+
83.7-86.6% = B	80.0-83.6% = B-	76.7-79.9% = C+
73.7-76.6% = C	70.0-73.6% = C-	66.7-69.9% = D+
63.7-66.6% = D	60.0-63.6% = D-	Below 60% = E

Information on current UF grading policies for assigning grade points can be found here.  
<http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html>.

**Late Policy:** No late transcriptions, homework, or quizzes unless you receive permission before the due date. Let us know as soon as you realize you will be unable to meet a deadline. Assignments are collected at the beginning of class on the date they are due.

### Details of Assessments

- **Smalley Transcription (8%):** The Smalley assignments, listed by number on your schedule, are due by Tuesdays. Each week's assignment is worth ½ point. To complete them, go to the Language Lab webpage <http://www.clas.ufl.edu/lrc/audio.htm>. Select the link to Lin 3201 Sounds of Modern Language. Your user name is **smalley** and your password is **articulate**. Details on how to complete the assignment including further instruction, copies of the assignments, answer keys in IPA can be found in your course packet. After recording your answers while listening to the tapes, compare your answers to the answer sheet and note any problems. Alternatively, you can complete these exercises on the web at <http://bach.arts.kuleuven.be/MOAP> by clicking on the **J.-Ph. Goldman's interactive course** link at the bottom of the page.
- **Attendance & Classroom Participation (10%):** In most classes, as time permits, 15-20 min will be spent on exercises given. They will either be individual or group oriented. Your attendance and participation in these exercises contributes 10% to your final grade. Therefore, regular class attendance is crucial to earning these 10%.

# of Missed Classes	Percentage earned
0	10%
3	8%
5	6%
7	4%
10	0%

- **Homework (25%):** Homework assignments are due on Tuesdays, and each will be worth 5% of your grade. They will ask you to use the terms, methods, or information presented in class. You are free to work with fellow students on these assignments, but you should write up the answers on your own.
- **Quizzes (25%):** Quizzes take place at the end of class on Fridays, and each will be worth 5% of your grade. Each will involve transcription of sounds produced by myself followed by questions on the material covered during the preceding weeks. Each quiz will take around 30 minutes.
- **Fieldwork Project (20%):** In the last or one before last week of class, a native speaker of a language which no one in the class has studied will join us so that you can practice “field methods” on the language. You will interact with the speaker to determine the sound system (phones and phonemes) of his/her language, and you will write up the results for 6/22.
- **Production Quiz (6%):** Administered during the last week; I will meet with each of you for 5 minutes and ask you to produce various sounds by reading from the IPA transcription.
- **Perception Quiz (6%):** Administered during the last day of class. You will be asked to identify or discriminate sounds presented to you on a computer in the classroom. This quiz will take approximately 10-15 minutes.

**Reading****Required:**

Ratree Wayland. (2003). *Sounds of Human Language Manual* (Rat)

**Optional:**

Catford, J.C. (1988). *A Practical Introduction to Phonetics*. (Cat)

Smalley, W. A. (1980) *Manual of Articulatory Phonetics*. (The language lab has a copy you can read with the drills; this book is out of print).

**Course Details**

Week/Date			Assignment		Topic(s)
			Reading	Transcriptions (Smalley)	Hw/Quiz
1	5/13 M 5/14 T 5/15 W 5/16 R 5/17 F		Cat Ch. 1, 2, 4 Rat pp.1-18	1, 31, 5, 7	HW1  Quiz 1
2	5/20 M 5/21 T 5/22 W 5/23 R 5/24 F		Cat Ch. 5, 6, 7 Rat pp 18-31	3, 13, 11, 15	HW2  Quiz 2
3	5/27 M 5/28 T 5/29 W 5/30 R 5/31 F		No Class Cat Ch. 8, 9 Rat pp. 31-40	9, 21, 12, 14	HW3  Quiz 3
4	6/3 M 6/4 T 6/5 W 6/6 R 6/7 F			16, 22, 2, 6	HW4  Quiz 4
5	6/10 M 6/11 T 6/12 W 6/13 R 6/14 F		Cat Ch. 4		HW5  Quiz 5
					Field methods,  Field work Production quiz begins

6	6/17 M 6/18 T 6/29 W 6/20 R 6/21 F	Rat pp. 18-22		Perception test Review Final project due

**Accommodations for students with disabilities** Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drp/>. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation.

**Academic honesty** It is expected that all students will adhere to the University of Florida Honor Code and the academic honesty guidelines available at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/judicial/procedures/honestybrochure.php>.