

Veranstalter	Prof. Dr. Thomas Berg
Thema	English Phonetics and Phonology [AA-A1, ENG-4/a, ENG-5, AA-V1ab, AA-V2ab, ENG-10, ENG-11, AA7 , AA9, LAA8, LAA11, ENGAGE-M1, AA-W, AA-WB]
Art der Veranstaltung	Seminar II (Seminar Ib für Studierende mit Zulassung bis WS 14/15)
Veranstaltungsnummer	53-512
Zeit	2st. Mi 14-16
Raum	Phil 1219
Beginn	14.10.2015

Course description:

This course pursues both descriptive-linguistic and practical aims. On the practical level, it provides an opportunity for learning the transcription of English words and sentences. While students should have acquired some passive familiarity with IPA symbols from checking the pronunciation of unknown words in dictionaries, actively transcribing texts is quite a challenging task.

The pronunciation model that will be targeted is Received Pronunciation. However, the pronunciation of Standard American English will also be given due attention. From the sociolinguistic perspective, questions of norm and standardization will be addressed. The major focus of the course is on the analysis of the sound system of English. Both segmental and prosodic aspects will be discussed. After a detailed look at the articulatory basis of speech, the phoneme inventory will be examined. So will be the principles of word stress, sentence stress, rhythm and intonation. Furthermore, we will deal with selected aspects of connected speech, including assimilation, deletion and especially the contrast between strong and weak forms.

A written exam will be offered at the end of term. There will be no opportunity for writing term papers. This course may, but need not be, taken in combination with “Phonetics and Pronunciation”.

Recommended reading:

Dretzke, Burkhard: *Modern British and American pronunciation*. Paderborn: Schöningh, 1998.

Eckert, Hartwig & William Barry: *The phonetics and phonology of English pronunciation*. Trier: Wissenschaftlicher Verlag, 2002.

Roach, Peter: *English phonetics and phonology. A practical course*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2001.

Course Requirements:

- Regular attendance
- Oral report

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