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English Phonetics and Phonology (2AN1007)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Pilier principal B A - langue et littérature anglaises	Cours: 1 ph Atelier: 1 ph	Voir ci-dessous	4
Pilier secondaire B A - langue et littérature anglaises	Cours: 1 ph Atelier: 1 ph	Voir ci-dessous	4

ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Automne

Equipe enseignante

Steve Oswald

Objectifs

At the end of the proseminar, students should:

- be able to know and explain basic phenomena pertaining to the English phonological and phonetic system
- be able to perform IPA phonetic and phonemic transcriptions in British English and American English

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This course is an inquiry into the phonological system of the English language (and its sounds). Throughout the semester, we will therefore be concerned with the specific sounds of the English system and the way these sounds are organised in English in order to produce acceptable sequences.

Three particular areas of interest will be examined in this study:

- phonetic analysis: a significant part of the course will be devoted to the study of English sounds, ranging from insights into their production (how they are articulated in the vocal tract, from the lungs to the lips) to considerations about their possible combinations
- phonological analysis: part of the course will consider typical linguistic phenomena of English (plural formation, past tense formation, etc.) from a phonological perspective to make explicit different constraints pertaining to the English language
- IPA transcriptions: the third, more practical, dimension of the course will consist in learning how to transcribe the English language in International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA)

As we explore these three areas, different varieties of English will be comparatively examined and insights on pronunciation and the relationship between spelling and spoken English will be provided.

Forme de l'évaluation

Written test on the last day of the course. The resit will take place the week before the first week of classes in February 2019.

Documentation

General reference:

- Collins, B., & Mees, I. M. (2013). Practical Phonetics and Phonology: A Resource Book for Students. Routledge.

Other bibliographical references will be given on Moodle, session after session.

Pré-requis

None

Forme de l'enseignement

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The course takes place on Fridays and is organised as follows:

- 09:15-10:00: lecture, all students are required to attend
- 10:15-11:00: workshop, group I
- 11:00-11:45: workshop, group II

Please note that groups will be formed on the first day of the course, i.e. on 21 September 2018.