

**SCHEDULE (UPDATED ON 9/24)**

The schedule may be updated again, depending on the pace of class. So far, we're moving faster than anticipated. Changes to readings or due dates will be announced in class.

DOT = McCarthy (2008): *Doing Optimality Theory*

Kager = Kager (1999): *Optimality Theory*

Read before class		Topic	Quizzes/Deadlines	
	UNIT 1: WHY AND HOW TO BUILD AND OT ANALYSIS			
Mon 8/20	Odden (2011) pp. 1–12 (to end of 2.2)	<b>Week 1: Review and defining phonology</b> — Review of phonemic analysis, distributions, rules — The goals of phonology		Mon 8/20
Wed 8/22	Review chapters from Kennedy textbook			Wed 8/22
Mon 8/27	DOT pp. 1–13 (to end of 1.2)	<b>Week 2: Constraints and rules</b> — Expansion conventions — The conspiracy problem and constraints — A conceptual crisis	In-class quiz #1	Mon 8/27
Wed 8/29	DOT pp. 13–28 (to end of 1.8)		Deadline to meet with Brian in office hours	Wed 8/29
Wed 9/5	Kager pp. 1–13 (to end of 1.2.5)	<b>Week 3: Core assumptions of OT</b> — Gen, Con, Eval — What is Universal Grammar?	HW #1 due: Rule-based analysis	Wed 9/5
Mon 9/10	Kager pp. 14–27 (to end of 1.4.4)	<b>Week 4: Nuts and bolts of OT</b> — The selection problem and the ranking problem — Ranking arguments	In-class quiz #2	Mon 9/10
Wed 9/12	DOT pp. 30–72 (to end of 2.3)			Wed 9/12
	UNIT 2: INTRODUCTION TO YPOLOGY IN OT			
Mon 9/17	DOT pp. 72–95 (to end of 2.8)	<b>Week 5: Contrast</b> — Typology of contrast — Correspondence theory — Positional faithfulness — Segmental distributions	In-class quiz #3	Mon 9/17
Wed 9/19	Kager pp. 43–48 (to end of 1.9)		HW #2 due: OT problem 1	Wed 9/19

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Mon 9/24	Kager pp. 91–109 (to end of 3.3.3)	<b>Week 6: Syllables</b> — Typology of syllable structure — Generalized alignment	In-class quiz #4	Mon 9/24
Wed 9/26	Kager pp. 109–124 (to end of 3.4.2)			Wed 9/26
Mon 10/1	DOT pp. 166–174, 212–214, 247–250	<b>Week 7: Constraints</b> — Justifying constraints: formally, functionally, typologically	In-class quiz #5	Mon 10/1
Wed 10/3	Kager pp. 53–78 (to end of 2.2)		HW #3 due: OT problem 2	Wed 10/3
	UNIT 3: STRESS AND METRICAL PHONOLOGY			
Mon 10/8	Gordon (2011) (skip 3.1, 3.2)	<b>Week 8: Stress I</b> — Diagnosing stress patterns — Quantity-insensitive stress systems	In-class quiz #6	Mon 10/8
Wed 10/10	Kager pp. 161–171 (to end of 4.4.4)		HW #4 due: Typology of positional faithfulness	Wed 10/10
Mon 10/15	DOT pp. 137–164 (Chapter 3)	<b>Week 9: Writing and midterm</b> — Writing and responsible scholarship — Midterm	In-class quiz #7	Mon 10/15
Wed 10/17	Midterm			Wed 10/17
Mon 10/22	Kager pp. 146–161 (to end of 4.3.3)	<b>Week 10: Stress II</b> — Quantity-sensitive stress systems	In-class quiz #8	Mon 10/22
Wed 10/24			Deadline for approval of paper topic	Wed 10/24
	UNIT 4: PROSODIC MORPHOLOGY			
Mon 10/29	Kager pp. 194–205 (to end of 5.2.1)	<b>Week 11: Templates</b> — The Emergence of the Unmarked — Templates		Mon 10/29
Wed 10/31	Kager pp. 205–216 (to end of 5.2.5)			Wed 10/31
Mon 11/5	Kager pp. 216–230 (to end of 5.5)	<b>Week 12: Reduplication</b> — A typology of reduplication — B–R Correspondence	In-class quiz #10	Mon 11/5
Wed 11/7	Kager pp. 230–252		HW #5 due: stress	Wed 11/7

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	UNIT 5: CURRENT ISSUES IN PHONOLOGY			
Mon 11/12	DOT pp. 266–271 (to end of 6.4)	<b>Week 13: Over- and undergeneration</b> — Opacity and transparency — The Too-Many-Solutions Problem — Serial evaluation and Harmonic Serialism	In-class quiz #11	Mon 11/12
Wed 11/14	DOT pp. 274–277		HW #6 due: prosodic morphology	Wed 11/14
Mon 11/19	Kager pp. 296–324	<b>Week 14: Learning</b> — Learning constraint rankings via algorithm — Recursive Constraint Demotion	In-class quiz #12	Mon 11/19
Mon 11/26		<b>Week 15: Variation</b> — Phonological variation — Weighted constraints — Harmonic Grammar and MaxEnt	In-class quiz #13	Mon 11/26
Wed 11/28				Wed 11/28