English Phonetics (Fall 2025)

Instructor: Miran Kim (Professor, Rm# 301-316)

Meeting Schedule: Tuesdays (1-1:50pm) & Thursdays (2~2:50pm)

Digital classroom: LMS (rec.ac.kr/gnu), https://MK316.github.io (Digital classroom & course apps)

Classroom: 301-330

Course overview:

This course introduces the fundamental aspects of the English sound system with an emphasis on its application to learning and teaching English pronunciation. It covers the basic phonetic properties of English speech sounds, including



consonants and vowels, along with essential concepts necessary for understanding the sound system. Additionally, the course delves into English prosody, which includes the study of syllables, rhythm, and intonation. Students will engage in practical exercises, such as phonetic transcriptions of spoken English data, to develop skills in teaching pronunciation. They will also learn to differentiate between connected and isolated speech, as well as formal and informal speech, throughout the course.

Textbook: Johnson, K. & Ladefoged, P. (2014) A course in phonetics (7th edition), CENGAGE Learning.

Software: Praat software (download: http://www.fon.hum.uva.nl/praat/download win.html)

Evaluation: Attendance, Assignments, group quizzes, and Exams

	Percentage	Notes	
Attendance & class participation	10%	Unexcused absence (-1 point); late check-in (-0.2)	
Quizzes	30%	TBA	
Exam	40%	Final exam	
Assignments	10%	Group activities: Exercises (5), Transcription (5)	
Summary notes	10%	All chapters (3 times to check)	

English phonetics (Group activities): 3~4 members per group

Group	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5
1	조선미	조윤주	한혜수	김예은	권민채
2	박병훈	박인겸	권예린	임서영	이주원
3	김진아	박은서	이재준	우한성	김해민
4					신승률

Fall 2025 Weekly schedule: Tuesdays (1hr) & Thursdays (2 hrs)

	Dates	Chapter	Topic(s)	Readings
W01	9/2, 4	Ch.1	Introduction; Articulation and acoustics	Grouping
W02	9/9, 11	Ch.1	Introduction; Articulation and acoustics	pp.2~5; Ch01 Video Lecture on LMS
W03	9/16, 18	Ch.2	Phonology and phonetic transcription	
	9/22 (Monday)		Make-up class (5PM~8PM); 2 hrs lecture	1 hr for group work
W04	9/23, 25	Ch.2	Phonology and phonetic transcription	Assignment #1 (9/23)
W05	9/30, 10/2	Ch. 3	Phonology and phonetic transcription	Quiz#1 (10/2); Summary notebook to check 1
W06	10/7*, 10/9*	Holiday break	Chuseok Holiday; Hangeul Day (No classes) => Make-up on the 15th Week	
W07	10/14, 16	Ch. 3	The consonants of English (No class meeting)	Video Recording (LMS)
W08	10/21, 23	Ch. 3	The consonants of English (No class meeting)	Video Recording (LMS)
W09	10/28, 30	Ch. 3 & 4	The consonants of English; English vowels (No class meeting)	Video Recording (LMS)
W10	11/4, 6 => 9/22 Make-up (5-8PM)		Group meeting	Assignment #2: Transcription of a song
W11	11/11, 13 => 11/17 Make-up (5-8PM)		Group meeting	Transcription of a song (by 11/13 Midnight)
W12	11/18, 20	Ch. 3&4	English vowels; Review	Quiz#2 (11/18); Summary notebook to check 2
W13	11/25, 27	Ch. 4 & 5	English vowels; English words and stress	
W14	12/2, 4	Ch. 5	English words and stress	
W15	12/9, 11	Ch. 5	English words and stress; Review	
W16	12/16, 18	Ch. 5	English words and stress; Review	
W17	12/22 (Make-up class; 5-8PM)		Final exam	Summary notebook submission

Assignment #1: Chapter 1 Exercises (A~G, K, I) - Group assignment

Assignment #2: Song transcription (Group assignment)