General Information

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Credit points
3

Prerequisites
Admission to GDipSphComm

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit focuses on important theoretical aspects of phonetics and phonology and provides targeted training in the phonemic and phonetic transcription of spoken English and phonological analysis of known and unknown languages. Students learn to use the International Phonetic Alphabet to explore aspects of the world's languages and gain a thorough understanding of the articulation of vowels and consonants as well as complex articulations, airstream mechanisms, and laryngeal features. Phonological principles relating to phonemes and allophones, syllables, and word stress are also addressed.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at http://students.mq.edu.au/student_admin/enrolmentguide/academicdates/

Learning Outcomes

1. successfully use the International Phonetic Alphabet
2. perform sophisticated phonetic and phonemic transcription tasks
3. demonstrate a thorough understanding of speech articulation
4. classify speech sounds using conventions of the IPA
5. demonstrate mastery of phonemic analysis
6. show how languages and dialects differ in both their phoneme inventories and the pronunciation of their phonemes
7. conduct analyses that require an understanding of coarticulation
8. understand what Distinctive Features are and be able to use them in the analysis of phonemes and their pronunciation
9. demonstrate knowledge of the structure of syllables and how phonotactic constraints result in different sets of legal syllables for different languages
10. have a basic understanding of the phonology of intonation

**General Assessment Information**

It is a requirement of this unit that all assessment tasks be submitted before a passing grade can be assigned.

**Assessment Tasks**

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**Articulatory Phonetics**

*Due: Week 7*

*Weighting: 20%*

Short answer task with questions ranging from simple descriptive to complex interpretative analyses.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

- successfully use the International Phonetic Alphabet
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IPA Test
Due: **Week 8**
Weighting: 10%

Online test assessing recognition and representation of sounds of the world’s languages

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
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- classify speech sounds using conventions of the IPA

Phonetic Transcription
Due: **Week 12-13**
Weighting: 25%

Phonetic/allophonic transcription task involving analysis of single words, short phrases and a passage using the principles of the IPA applied to the examination of Australian English.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:
- successfully use the International Phonetic Alphabet
- perform sophisticated phonetic and phonemic transcription tasks
- demonstrate mastery of phonemic analysis
- conduct analyses that require an understanding of coarticulation
- demonstrate knowledge of the structure of syllables and how phonotactic constraints result in different sets of legal syllables for different languages

Phonology Assignment
Due: **Week 11**
Weighting: 20%

Students engage with real and artificial language data in problem based tasks designed as both learning and assessment tools. The language problems require a sophisticated level of understanding of phonetic/phonological theory. Standard phonological reporting techniques and discursive text is required when responding to these problems.
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**Phonemic Transcription**

Due: **Weeks 4-6**
Weighting: **25%**

Phonemic transcription tasks involving analysis of single words, short phrases and passages using both the Harrington Cox and Evans revised transcription system and the Mitchell and Delbridge Transcription System.

This Assessment Task relates to the following Learning Outcomes:

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**Delivery and Resources**

The learning and teaching strategies used in this Unit are based around a textbook and an extensive set of interactive text, image and audio based online materials. The unit is delivered via ilearn. ECHO360 lecture recordings (and associated powerpoint presentations) are available to students.
Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central. Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:


The *Disruption to Studies Policy* is effective from March 3 2014 and replaces the Special Consideration Policy.

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of Policy Central.

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)

**Results**

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in *eStudent*. For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au).

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

**Learning Skills**

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- **Workshops**
- **StudyWise**
- **Academic Integrity Module for Students**
- **Ask a Learning Adviser**

**Student Enquiry Service**

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at [ask.mq.edu.au](http://ask.mq.edu.au)
Equity Support
Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

IT Help
For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://informatics.mq.edu.au/help/. When using the University’s IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills
Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Assessment tasks

• Articulatory Phonetics
Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Learning outcomes**

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**Assessment tasks**

- Articulatory Phonetics
- Phonetic Transcription
- Phonology Assignment
- Phonemic Transcription

Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Assessment task**

- Phonology Assignment

Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to
handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

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**Learning outcomes**

- successfully use the International Phonetic Alphabet
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**Assessment tasks**

- Phonetic Transcription
- Phonology Assignment
- Phonemic Transcription

**Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking**

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systematically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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**Assessment tasks**

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- IPA Test
- Phonetic Transcription
- Phonology Assignment
- Phonemic Transcription
Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

**Assessment task**

- Phonemic Transcription