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Department of Linguistics

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General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
Admission to MAppLingTESOL or MTransInterMAppLingTESOL or MAppLing

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
Phonology refers to the sounds of a language. You will begin your exploration of the sounds of the English language by learning about its individual sounds (segmentals), and how these change when combined with other individual sounds. You will also learn how humans, over many lifetimes, have represented these sounds through writing. Following this, you will explore the features of phonology "above" the individual sounds (suprasegmentals) - features such as intonation, rhythm and stress. In the final area of this unit, you will learn how to analyse English language learners' spoken and written language production, and how to prepare language teaching activities that will help them develop and produce more comprehensible spoken and written language for communication.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: explain how individual sounds of the English language are produced
ULO2: identify and describe the prosodic features (for example, stress, rhythm and intonation) of the English language
ULO3: explain how individual sounds are represented using the English alphabet and
other representation systems

**ULO4:** analyse spoken and written English language to demonstrate how individual sounds change when they are combined with other sounds

**ULO5:** analyse English language learners' spoken and written language performance and develop appropriate language learning activities to address learning needs

### General Assessment Information

**Requesting an extension to assignment due date**

On occasion, you may be in a situation when you aren't able to submit an assessment task on time. Extensions are only given in special circumstances, by completing a Special Consideration request. For more information on Special Consideration, see [https://students.mq.edu.au/study/my-study-program/special-consideration](https://students.mq.edu.au/study/my-study-program/special-consideration)

**Late submission of assignments**

If you haven't been approved for an extension and you submit your assessment task late, penalties are applied. You should consult your unit convenor if you are in this position. Late submissions will receive a 5% per day penalty. If you submit the assessment task 10 days or more beyond the due date, without an approved extension, you will be awarded a maximum of 50% of the overall assessment marks. Weekends and public holidays are included.

**Use of generative AI**

Please refer to instructions from your lecturer on the use and acknowledgement of use of Generative AI in your submitted assignments.

### Assessment Tasks

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<td>30%</td>
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**Application to the classroom**

Assessment Type: Media presentation  
Indicative Time on Task: 20 hours  
Due: **Weeks 12 and 13**  
Weighting: 30%
In this task students will produce a presentation to be given as a professional development session at a language school. The topic of the presentation is classroom application of a pronunciation feature covered in the course. The students will identify a group of learners, describe their pronunciation needs and give an example of how they would integrate pronunciation teaching into their course.

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- explain how individual sounds are represented using the English alphabet and other representation systems
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- analyse English language learners' spoken and written language performance and develop appropriate language learning activities to address learning needs

Segmental analysis

Assessment Type 1: Report
Indicative Time on Task 2: 15 hours
Due: Week 6
Weighting: 25%

In this task students will undertake a short transcription of an audio file provided by the lecturers using phonemic transcription. They will identify a series of phonemes which are relevant for their selected group of learners. They will also explain how those sounds are produced and why that is challenging for their selected group. They will write a report using appropriate academic style and referencing conventions.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- explain how individual sounds of the English language are produced
- explain how individual sounds are represented using the English alphabet and other representation systems

Weekly quizzes

Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task 2: 4 hours
Due: Weeks 3,5,8 and 11
Weighting: 15%

There will be a series of quizzes across the unit testing the key learning content.

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Suprasegmental analysis

Assessment Type 1: Report
Indicative Time on Task 2: 20 hours
Due: Week 9
Weighting: 30%

In this task students will undertake a short transcription of an audio file provided by the lecturers using phonemic transcription. They will identify two suprasegmental (prosodic) features which are relevant to their selected group of learners and describe how these features are produced. They will explain the differences between English prosody and that of the other languages spoken by their learners which make these areas relevant to them. They will write a report using appropriate academic style and referencing conventions.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- identify and describe the prosodic features (for example, stress, rhythm and intonation) of the English language
- analyse English language learners' spoken and written language performance and develop appropriate language learning activities to address learning needs
If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
- the Writing Centre for academic skills support.

Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation.

**Delivery and Resources**

As a student enrolled in this unit, you will engage in a range of online learning activities, including readings, videos and recorded lectures. Details can be found on the iLearn site for this unit.

**Recommended Readings**

This unit has a required textbook, limited copies of which are available from the library, or you will need to purchase it:

Kelly, Gerald, *How to Teach Pronunciation* (Longman, 2000)

Other recommended readings can be found through the Leganto link on the unit iLearn page.

**Technology Used**

Active participation in the learning activities throughout the unit will require students to have access to a tablet, laptop or similar device. Students who do not own their own laptop computer may borrow one from the university library.

**Policies and Procedures**

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
- Assessment Procedure
- Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy

Students seeking more policy resources can visit Student Policies (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.
To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the search tool.

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct

**Results**

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) 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 or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

**Academic Integrity**

At Macquarie, we believe academic integrity – honesty, respect, trust, responsibility, fairness and courage – is at the core of learning, teaching and research. We recognise that meeting the expectations required to complete your assessments can be challenging. So, we offer you a range of resources and services to help you reach your potential, including free online writing and maths support, academic skills development and wellbeing consultations.

**Student Support**

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

**The Writing Centre**

The Writing Centre provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- Workshops
- Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader
- Access StudyWISE
- Upload an assignment to Studiosity
- Complete the Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- Subject and Research Guides
- Ask a Librarian

**Student Services and Support**

Macquarie University offers a range of Student Support Services including:
• **IT Support**
  • **Accessibility and disability support** with study
  • **Mental health support**
  • **Safety support** to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
  • **Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues**
  • **Student Advocacy** provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

**Student Enquiries**

Got a question? Ask us via AskMQ, or contact Service Connect.

**IT Help**

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit [http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/).

When using the University’s IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

**Inclusion and diversity**

Social inclusion at Macquarie University is about giving everyone who has the potential to benefit from higher education the opportunity to study at university, participate in campus life and flourish in their chosen field. The University has made significant moves to promote an equitable, diverse and exciting campus community for the benefit of staff and students. It is your responsibility to contribute towards the development of an inclusive culture and practice in the areas of learning and teaching, research, and service orientation and delivery. As a member of the Macquarie University community, you must not discriminate against or harass others based on their sex, gender, race, marital status, carers' responsibilities, disability, sexual orientation, age, political conviction or religious belief. All staff and students are expected to display appropriate behaviour that is conducive to a healthy learning environment for everyone.

**Professionalism**

In the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences, professionalism is a key capability embedded in all our courses.

As part of developing professionalism, students are expected to attend all small group interactive sessions including clinical, practical, laboratory, work-integrated learning (e.g., PACE placements), and team-based learning activities. Some learning activities are recorded (e.g., face-to-face lectures), however you are encouraged to avoid relying upon such material as they do not recreate the whole learning experience and technical issues can and do occur. As an adult learner, we respect your decision to choose how you engage with your learning, but we would remind you that the learning opportunities we create for you have been done so to enable your success, and that by not engaging you may impact your ability to successfully complete this
unit. We equally expect that you show respect for the academic staff who have worked hard to
develop meaningful activities and prioritise your learning by communicating with them in advance
if you are unable to attend a small group interactive session.

Another dimension of professionalism is having respect for your peers. It is the right of every
student to learn in an environment that is free of disruption and distraction. Please arrive to all
learning activities on time, and if you are unavoidably detained, please join activity as quietly as
possible to minimise disruption. Phones and other electronic devices that produce noise and
other distractions must be turned off prior to entering class. Where your own device (e.g., laptop)
is being used for class-related activities, you are asked to close down all other applications to
avoid distraction to you and others. Please treat your fellow students with the utmost respect. If
you are uncomfortable participating in any specific activity, please let the relevant academic
know.

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