Phonology, discourse and its methodological applications

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Course aims and objectives:
The aims of this course is to provide students with the necessary theoretical and practical background so that they will be able to describe, transcribe and analyze human speech sounds in their physiological and acoustic aspects, syllabic and prosodic phenomena, neutralization, distinctive features, morphophonemic alternation, stress, suprasegmental phenomena and connected speech. Standard English or R.P. will be used as the reference language but other regional varieties of British English will also be commented upon.

Course contents:
1.- What is Phonetics? What is Phonology? Articulatory and Acoustic Phonetics and Phonology..
2.- Articulatory Phonetics..
3.- Acoustic Phonetics..
5. Consonant-type phonemes.
6.- Vowel-type phonemes..
7.- Diphthongs.
8.- Connected Speech.

Methodology:
Class meetings will consist of lectures, group discussions, and oral presentations. A practical approach will be favoured. Students will listen to different varieties of English. Class time will also be devoted to transcriptions of selected texts.

Assessment:
Students will be required to participate actively in classes. In addition, each student will have to prepare an oral presentation.

The students will be evaluated on a combination of their participation in class, an oral presentation and written assignments. There will be a final paper or project.

Participation and oral presentation: 30 %
Written Assignments: 30%
Final project 40%
Recommended Readings and resources

Students are encouraged to attend the seminars and talks given by visiting speakers and invited guests.

Bibliography