36602. Phonology

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Basic concepts in phonology: phonemes and underlying representation, abstractness, phonological rules, distinctive features, autosegmental representation, syllable structure, stress systems, markedness and optimality. Examples will be drawn from a variety of languages.

Course outline

I.   Introduction and Review of Phonetics
II.   The Basics of Phonology
      A.   Phonology vs. Phonetics
      B.   Underlying Representation and Abstractness
      C.   Phonological Rules
III.   Distinctive Features
      A.   Phonological Properties
      B.   Stricture Features
      C.   Articulator Features
IV.   Autosegmental Phonology
      A.   Structure of the Feature System
      B.   Skeleton (Timing Tier)
V.   Syllables
VI.   Stress Systems
VII.   Markedness
      A.   Phoneme Inventories and Markedness
      B.   Optimality Theory

Course requirements

Homeworks: 50% of grade: all homeworks are due in class one week after they are assigned.
Final exam: 50% of grade

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