

Name of university, Name of faculty: Trnava University
Faculty of Education

INFORMATION SHEET OF THE SUBJECT

Code: RSAJ103

Name: Phonetics and phonology

Cover: Department of English Language and Literature

Type of educational activity: Lecture, Seminar

Scope of educational activity (in hours):

Weekly: 1/2

For term of study: ZS 23,46

Number of credits: 1

Recommended semester: WT

Study grade:
Bachelor

Method of educational activity: Combined

Recommended semester

Study programme

1.year WT

Teaching English and literature as the third subject (RSAJ)

Underlie subjects:

Conditions for passing the course:

Method of evaluation: Completion by taking an examination

Continuous evaluation: The condition for passing the subject is the student's participation in teaching units of the subject in accordance with the study regulations of the faculty and the timely and complete completion of at least five continuous weekly Moodle assignments according to student's choice.

Assignments and tasks during the semester consist of tasks that develop the student's knowledge and the student's orientation in the issue (knowledge of terminology from the subject of phonetics and phonology, the ability to recognize pronunciation phenomena in speech at the segmental and suprasegmental level, the ability to actively use phonetic transcription and its principles), application of acquired knowledge when using pronunciation phenomena typical of English in one's own speech with the help of the teacher and using available digital tools, the ability to argue and justify the solutions to tasks, the interpretation of pronunciation phenomena in the spoken text based on the acquired knowledge and active knowledge of phonetic transcription, the ability to discuss partial and complex topics of the issue and to search for additional relevant academic resources on the issue for the purpose of self-study. These parts of the student's work are not scored.

Final evaluation: 100% written test

Finished: After fulfilling all the ongoing requirements of the course, students take a theoretical and practical written test during the examination period based on the course syllabus, with the main focus on the terminological and factual accuracy of their answers.

Only students who fulfill the ongoing requirements will be allowed to take the exam.

To obtain an A grade in the final test, it is necessary to obtain 100-92% of the total number of points, for a B grade 91-85%, for a C grade 84-79%, for a D grade 78-73%, and for an E grade at least 71-65%.

Learning outcomes:

The aim of the course is the study of the basic terminology of the phonetics and phonology, the characteristics of the smallest units – phonemes and their correlations, the articulation organs and their function, classification of vowels, diphthongs and consonants, suprasegmental features of the language. The practical improvement of English pronunciation. The learning outcome is the theoretical mastery of vocalic and consonant system; the essentials of the articulation of individual phonemes; the acquisition of the prosodic features of the connected speech.

Schedule of subject:

1. Phonetics and phonology. Phoneme. Phoneme relations. Transcription. Dialect and accent.
2. Physiological aspects of speech production. Articulatory organs.
3. Vowels. Description and articulation. Vowel diagram.
4. Diphthongs, triphthongs.
5. Consonants – description of articulation, classification.
6. Characteristics of individual consonants.
7. Syllable. Syllable structure.
8. Suprasegmental features of language.
9. Word stress. Sentence stress.
10. Intonation. Functions of intonation.
11. Rhythm. Strong and weak forms.
12. Aspects of connected speech.

Recommended reading:

Vančová, H. (2025). Principles of English Pronunciation. Gaudeamus.

Vančová, H. (2016). Phonetics and Phonology – A Practical Introduction to Pronunciation and Transcription. Trnava: Pedagogická fakulta Trnavskej univerzity v Trnave.

Vančová, H. (2019). Phonetics and Phonology – Selected Aspects of English Pronunciation. Trnava: Pedagogická fakulta Trnavskej univerzity v Trnave.

BBC pronunciation tips (2021). Available online.

Crystal. D. (2018). Cambridge Encyclopedia of the English Language. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Hewings, M. (2017). English Pronunciation in Use – Advanced. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Kang, O., Thomson, R. I., & Murphy, J. M. (eds.). (2020). The Routledge Handbook of Contemporary English Pronunciation. Oxon: Routledge. Roach, P. (2009). English Phonetics and Phonology. Cambridge University Press.					
Language requirements: English					
Notes: synchronous learning: 5 hours Moodle assignments: 5 hours individual study: 15 hours total: 25 hours					
Course evaluation: Assessed students in total: 0					
A	B	C	D	E	FX
0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Lecturers: doc. Mgr. Hana Vančová, PhD., lecturer, examiner, instructor					
Date of last change: 18.09.2026					
Approved by: prof. PaedDr. Silvia Pokrivčáková, PhD.					