

Phonetics and Phonology

The course covers the segmental and suprasegmental sound structures of English. After the initial induction into terminology and the physical and functional properties of speech organs, the system of English phones from articulation, perceptual, acoustical and functional points of view is introduced. Alongside descriptions of individual segments of sound language plans the basic orthographic principles of modern English are brought forward. As for suprasegmental phenomena the focus is on stress, rhythm and intonation. These phenomena are analysed and practised together with specific features of English reduction and apparent resyllabification in fluent speech. The content of the course also tackles linguodidactic issues related to English pronunciation.