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LINGUISTICS 800-4
Phonology

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will establish foundations in contemporary phonological theory and analysis for graduate students. Analytical methods in Generative Phonology and Optimality Theory will be developed in some detail and used to grapple with many of the core problem spaces in phonology, including syllables, stress, and different types of assimilation and segmental alternations. Experimental approaches to phonological questions will be emphasized. The principal work of the course, i.e., problem sets, critical reviews of contemporary literature, and a final project proposal, provide students with training in modern linguistic analysis and critical thinking.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Kager, R. 1999. *Optimality Theory*. Cambridge University Press.
- Kenstowicz, M. 1994. *Phonology in Generative Grammar*. Blackwell.

COURSE GRADING:

Homeworks: 40%
Reviews: 30%
Final Project Proposal: 30%

Students should familiarize themselves with the Department's **Standards on Class Management and Student Responsibilities** at http://www.sfu.ca/linguistics/undergraduate/student-resources/department-standards.html#main_content_text.

Please note that a grade of “FD” may be assigned as a penalty for academic dishonesty.

All student requests for accommodations for their religious practices must be made in writing by the end of the first week of classes or no later than one week after a student adds a course.

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