

Zarqa University  
 Faculty: Arts  
 Department  
 Course title: : Phonological Theory  
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Instructor:  
 Lecture's time:  
 Semester:  
 Office Hours:

### Course description:

This course aims at introducing a subdiscipline of linguistics, phonology, which handles the organization of speech sounds in the language, how a language organizes sounds into systematic patterns and how speakers internalize knowledge of these patterns as a system of symbolic rules and representations. The fundamentals of the sound systems of the language are covered: segmental representation and distinctive features theory, syllable structures, prosodic domains and stress features. There is a concentration on the classical and current trends in generative phonology and there will be an introduction to the recent developments in phonological theory

### Intended Learning Outcomes: (ILOs)

### Course structures:

Week	Credit Hours	ILOs	Topics	Teaching Procedure	Assessment methods
			- General introduction :phonetics and phonology		
			- Phonetics: segmental and suprasegmental features		
			-Phonology and universal grammar; naturalness in phonology		
			-Phonemic analysis and problem solving		
			- Linear phonology		
			- Recent developments in distinctive features, feature geometry, redundancy, and underspecification		

			- Nonlinear phonology: autosegmental phonology		
			- Phonological processes in different phonological approaches		
			- Phonological rules and domain		
			- Syllable and syllabification		
			-Optimality		

## References:

### A. Main Textbook:

A- Required book (s), assigned reading and audio-visuals: Spencer, A. 1996. Phonology. Oxford: Blackwell  
 Katamba, F. 1993. An Introduction to Phonology. New York: Longman Archangeli, D. and Langendon, T.  
 1997. Optimality Theory. Oxford: Blackwell. Kager. R. 1999. Optimality Theory. Cambridge: CUP.  
 Selected articles and books which will be used as recommended readings and will be referred to in the  
 appropriate time and place during the semester Selected problems from natural languages

### B. Supplementary Textbook(s):

## Assessment Methods:

Methods	Grade	Date