

## Acquisition of Phonetics/Phonology (Spring 2019)

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### Course Description

In this course we will examine the acquisition of phonetics and phonology, both as first language (children) and as second language (children and adults). The goal of the course is to provide students with a solid understanding of the mechanisms of language acquisition by means of a combination of lecture, discussion, and background reading. This class will be aimed at students with little or no background in acquisition but with some knowledge of phonetics/phonology.

### Course Textbook

There will be no textbook for this course, since there is no book that adequately covers the topics. We will read various articles on topics related to language acquisition, taken from both the reference books below and other relevant sources.

There will be a course website that contains the schedule of presentations and other relevant information.

### References

- Doughty, Catherine & Michael H. Long (eds). 2003. *Handbook of Second Language Acquisition*. Blackwell Publishing Ltd.
- Fletcher, Paul & Brian MacWhinney (eds). 1996. *The Handbook of Child Language*. Blackwell Publishing Limited

### Assessment

This class will be conducted in seminar fashion with one person leading discussion of a paper and the others contributing their views on it. Assessment will be based on attendance and participation, as well as leading the discussion of two papers and writing a summary of each paper (1000 words for each summary).

Class attendance and participation:	10%
Leading discussion of three papers:	15% each = 45%
Submission of three summaries:	15% each = 45%

