

Ling 97r: The Phonology of Stress and Tone Syllabus

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OH: Thursdays 11-1pm (Boylston 306)

1. Goal of this tutorial

This tutorial will provide an overview of the variety of stress and tone systems found among the world's languages. We will cover an introduction to the phonology of stress and tone systems, including the analysis of stress and stress-related phenomena and of tone and tonal phenomena (including tonogenesis). No prior knowledge of phonology is required.

2. Requirements and schedule

- Readings: Our readings will primarily come from *Metrical Stress Theory: Principles and Case Studies* by Bruce Hayes, which provides an excellent introduction to the analysis of stress, and *Tone* by Moira Yip (part of the Cambridge Textbooks in Linguistics Series), which provides a similarly excellent introduction to tone. We may have additional short readings based on the interests of the students.
- Assignments: There will be a total of four problem sets. The first three will be assigned during the tutorial and will relate to material recently covered in the tutorial. In our last meeting I will assign a final, longer problem set relating to all of the material covered in the tutorial. The first three problem sets will be due at the beginning of the next class, and the final problem set will be due by **5pm on May 14, 2008 (by email or in my mailbox)**.

No credit will be given for any assignment submitted after its solution set has been posted.

- Schedule:

Week 1: Introduction to stress systems and
(3/18) the analysis of stress systems

Reading: Hayes 1995 – Ch. 2

Week 2: Alternate metrical models and
(4/1) simplified bracketed grid theory

Reading: Hayes 1995 – Ch. 3
Problem Set #1 assigned

Week 3: (4/8)	Weight-to-stress, stress-to-weight and other prominence alignment phenomena	Reading: Hayes 1995 – Ch. 7 Problem Set #2 assigned
Week 4: (4/15)	Introduction to tone, tonal features, tone mapping	Reading: Yip – Ch. 1 & 2
Week 5: (4/22)	The analysis of tone	Reading: Yip – Ch. 3 Problem Set #3 assigned
Week 6: (4/29)	Tonogenesis and change in tone systems	Reading: Hombert et al. (1979) Final problem set assigned: due May 14, 2008

- This syllabus, the lecture slides, the problem sets, and any supplemental materials will be posted on the Ling 97r website.

3. Grading

- Attendance and participation: 25%
- Three problem sets: 45%
- Final problem set: 30%