

# AL 3110

## English Sound System



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In this course, you will learn about

- how English sounds are produced
- how English stress and intonation patterns work
- how sounds vary in context, e.g., how [t] in *stop* is not the same as [t] in *top*
- how syllables are structured, e.g., why *scrolled* is a complex syllable
- what processes take place when words are produced in fast speech, e.g., what makes *did you eat yet?* sound like *didjueatjet?*
- how to teach English sounds to speakers of other languages, e.g., how to assist learners who do not distinguish [r] and [l] sounds

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** An introductory course in the sound system of English. Topics include: articulatory phonetics, phonetic transcription, sound variation, syllable structure, word and sentence stress, intonation, and phonological rules. The focus is on the pronunciation problems ESOL students might have acquiring English.

**AL = Applied Linguistics**, the study of language in use.

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**\*Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages**

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