Subject Code	ENGL2004
Subject Title	Analysis of English Pronunciation
Credit Value	3
Level	2
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	None
Objectives	This subject aims to help students explore the elements and structure of the English sound system, which include consonants, vowels, the syllable, word stress, and intonation. This subject also aims to raise learners' awareness of different features of the two major varieties of English: British English and American English as well as features of Hong Kong spoken English.
Intended Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to: **Category A: Professional/academic knowledge and skills** a. read and use IPA symbols commonly used in dictionaries; b. display awareness of the segmental features of the English sound system; c. display awareness of the suprasegmental features of the English sound system; d. apply concepts to analyse their own and others' spoken English. **Category B: Attributes for all-roundedness** e. learn autonomously and collaboratively; f. pursue life-long learning; g. understand the benefits afforded by information technology both to their studies and future career.
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	1. Sound, speech sound and speech 2. The English Consonants 3. The English Vowels 4. The English Syllable Structure and Consonant Clusters 5. English Prosody (stress, rhythm, intonation) 6. Varieties of English: British English, American English, World English 7. The application of speech/pronunciation in real life

Teaching/ Learning Methodology	Interactive lectures will help learners explore the concepts used in the description and analysis of the English sound system. In the seminars, learners will have the opportunity to analyse speech samples and discuss issues arising from the application of these concepts to English pronunciation.

Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes									

Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)						
		a	b	c	d	e	f	g
1. Quiz I	30%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2. Quiz II	35%	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
3. Quiz III	35%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Total	100%							

Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:

(1) Quiz I: Weekly reading and written tasks relevant to the topic delivered in the weekly lectures will be assigned to students. Students are expected to prepare and discuss the readings after each class. Their understanding of speech and pronunciation, as well as features of vowels and consonants, will be tested in the quiz.

(2) Quiz II: A short in-class written assessment task covering the materials covered in the first half of the course will enable students to show their ability to recognize IPA symbols and to show their understanding and the application of the concepts to authentic data.

(3) Quiz III: In the final quiz, students' understanding of different English pronunciations in relation to regional and social factors will be tested. They will need to apply the concepts and skills learned in this subject to analyse speech holistically, including segmental and suprasegmental speech features.

Student Study Effort Expected	Class contact:	
	▪ Lectures	39 Hrs.

	▪ Seminars	0 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	▪ Private study	58 Hrs.
	▪ Weekly written tasks and reading	29 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	126 Hrs.
Reading List and References	**Textbook** Roach, P. (2009). *English phonetics and phonology* (4th ed.). Cambridge University Press. Ogden, R. (2024). *An introduction to English phonetics* (3rd ed.). Edinburgh University Press. Nathan, G. (2008). *Phonology: A cognitive grammar introduction*. John Benjamins. **Recommended reading** Ashby, P. (2005). *Speech sounds* (2nd ed.). Routledge. Brazil, D. (1994). *Pronunciation for advanced learners of English.* Cambridge University Press. Catford, J. C. (2001). *A practical introduction to phonetics*. Oxford University Press. Collins, B., Mees, I. M., & Carley, P. (2019). *Practical phonetics and phonology: A resource book for students* (4th ed.). Routledge. Cruttenden, A. (2014). *Gimson's pronunciation of English* (8th ed.). Routledge. Jones, D. (1997). *Cambridge English pronouncing dictionary* (18th ed.). Cambridge University Press. Kreidler, C. W. (2004). *The pronunciation of English: A course book* (2nd ed.). Blackwell. Ladefoged, P., & Johnson, K. (2006). *A course in phonetics* (6th ed.). Cengage Learning. O'Connor, J. D., & Fletcher, C. (1989). *Sounds English: A pronunciation practice book.* Longman. Rogers, H. (2000). *The sounds of language: An introduction to phonetics*. Routledge. Shockey, L. (2003). *Sound patterns of spoken English*. Blackwell. Wells, J. C. (2000). *Pronunciation dictionary* (2nd ed.). Longman. **Useful links** 1. IPA Interactive IPA chart: Gives full IPA symbols and pronunciations.

http://www.yorku.ca/earmstro/ipa/

IPA keyboard: Enable IPA symbol input
http://westonruter.github.io/ipa-chart/keyboard/
https://r12a.github.io/pickers/ipa/

IPA trainer: Flashcards for IPA symbol practice
https://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/johnm/flash/flashin.htm

Peter Ladefoged vowels and consonants page
http://www.phonetics.ucla.edu/vowels/contents.html

List of easily confused phonetic symbols
https://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/wells/confusables.htm

2. Speech Anatomy

Beginner's guide to phonetics (including basic anatomy):
http://jcarreras.homestead.com/rrphonetics1.html

Anatomy and physiology of the larynx. Excellent website, usage indicated by title.
https://www.getbodysmart.com/larynx

Vocal tract practice: Demonstration of articulator movement
http://smu-facweb.smu.ca/~s0949176/sammy/

3. Examples of phonological variation and change

'Sound Comparison': Exploring diversity in Phonetics across Language Families
Enables you to explore varieties in British English and other Germanic languages.
https://soundcomparisons.com/#home

Sound patterns of spoken English: Gives sound examples, e.g. continuant stops, devoicing, assimilation, glottalization, h-dropping etc.
http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/shockey/downloads.htm

Examples of English varieties in the UK
https://dialectandheritage.org.uk/sound-map/

English accent map
https://www.englishaccentsmap.com/gb/

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