

**The University of Jordan
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2205720 Phonological Theory**

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Prerequisites:

Phonological theory from SPE through OT focusing on essential phonological models of phonological representations: essential generative phonology; prosodic theory, optimality theory, Economy and Distinctive Feature Theory.

Objectives:

General and Understanding:

Provide students with the background necessary for

- (i) understanding of how sounds are used in a particular language for encoding information and how sound systems differ from one language to another
- (ii) understanding terms and concepts that are important for understanding and evaluating current and past literature in phonology

Intellectual/Cognitive/Analytical Skills:

- (i) carry out own research in phonology
- (ii) gain exposure to scholarly work in phonology
- (iii) state generalizations present in set data
- (iv) provide detailed phonological analysis to phonological phenomena

Practical Specific Skills:

Provide answers to specific study questions

Make an outline of an article/unit of study

Summarize the article's claim or contribution to a claim

Develop anticipation of what the upshot will be

Transferable Skills:

Develop skills in stating general rules

Explain notions by giving examples

Account for linguistic patterns through the sequential application of processes

Methods:

Duration: 3 hours a week

Questions: Students will be given a set of questions

on central themes for which written answers in the form of

an outline should be provided

on presentation: Individual students will be asked to give

a presentation on a selected topic

Texts required:

Radwan, A. 1996. *Phonology*. Oxford: Blackwell

Radwan, F. 1993. *An Introduction to Phonology*. New York: Longman.