

# 発展英語 – *Introduction to English Phonetics*

## Spring Semester

**Instructor:** Dr. Brian G. Rubrecht, Ph.D.

**Class Meeting Place / Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Class Materials:

- (1) notebook (for writing new vocabulary, taking class notes, etc.)
- (2) electronic or paper dictionary
- (3) file or binder for handouts, homework      **← VERY IMPORTANT!!!**

### Class Objectives:

The objectives of this course are for students to:

- (1) gain an understanding of English segmentals
- (2) learn / practice phonetic transcriptions
- (3) apply phonetic learning to English speaking
- (4) develop useful life skills

### Class Activities:

We will go through handouts (mostly onscreen; students can download) to learn about English phonetics. Class time will mainly be lectures, so notetaking is essential. There is no textbook (yay!). Some class time will be devoted to practicing in pairs or small groups.

### Weekly Schedule:

The university syllabus provides a weekly schedule. However, adjustments to semester lessons (and the syllabus) may be made depending on several factors: (1) how well students understand the material, (2) the pace of student in-class interaction, (3) appropriateness and interest in the material, and (4) how serious students are about learning/participating in class.

### Grading Explanation:

• **Class contribution – 40%** This grade is a mix of factors.  
 → [1] Students receive 1 point for every class they attend.  
 → [2] You must come to class ON TIME. My watch is the *MAGIC WATCH*.  
 Class starts on time, but if you are 5 minutes and 1 second late, you will be late (you will lose points). **An excuse of a late train will not be accepted.** If you have special requirements that keep you from coming to class on time, inform me at the beginning of the semester. As a rule, try to arrive before class starts.

Also: → ***Missing more than 3 classes will result in course failure!*** ←

→ [3] students must participate in every lesson, which means **taking responsibility and being a good student!** This is very important for you and society!

pay attention    work well with classmates    have a good learning attitude  
actively try to learn    bring all class materials    bring Download Handouts  
complete your homework

If you forget any class material, sleep, do other work, not pay attention, etc., you will receive 0 participation points for that day. OUCH! Some students fail because they are not being responsible by being *students*. I have two eyes, you know...

*Download Handouts:* go here and print out any necessary handouts:

<http://www.kisc.meiji.ac.jp/~rubrecht/>

### • **Homework – 20%**

It is important to do the homework assigned because (a) there will only be a few assignments, (b) homework will probably be used in the next lesson, and (c) homework will prepare you for other things (e.g., the final exams). Because homework is due to be checked **by 5 minutes into class, late homework will not be accepted.** Please come to class on time on days when homework is to be checked so that I may check that your homework has been completed. **DO NOT DO HOMEWORK IN THE CLASSROOM BEFORE CLASS.** Students caught doing homework like this, copying homework from other students, etc., will receive 0 Participation points for that day. **ZERO POINTS!!!**

### • **Final Exam – 40%**

The purpose of the examination is for you to practice and study what you have learned in the lessons. Exams are held the last day of classes. ***Do not be absent on exam day.*** There may not be a make-up exam (I would bet there won't be...).

**Essentially, if you come to class on time, work diligently, try hard, and have a positive attitude, you will get a good grade for this class.**

NOTE: This is an introductory class. I would prefer that you LEARN and ENJOY the class rather than struggle and be miserable, but that depends on YOU. It will be as instructive and as fun as you make it. ☺ Just remember that if you lie or cheat, you will automatically fail the course.

### **Additional Information:**

If you need help with the lessons, or if you would like to talk about something with me, please talk to me. I may not have much time before or after class to talk,

but please try. I can always be contacted by phone/email if necessary.

Also, if you miss a class, ***you will still be responsible*** for understanding class information and for doing assigned homework. Not doing homework because you were absent or because “you did not know about it” is not an excuse. Ask your classmates about the lesson you missed or ask me.