Course Description						
Course Type	English phonetics I					
Course Type	Compulsory			Recommented	I/1	
				Year/Semester of Study		
Course Length	1 semest.	Per week	1/1	ECTS	3	
Length (Further Specifications)						
Method of Assessment	Final Test			Form of Delivery	Lecture/	
					Seminar	
Course Requirements						

To receive credits students need to actively participate in seminars and pass a final test in phonemic transcription at the end of the semester.

Lecturer

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Course Overview

Objectives:

To raise awareness of the how English sound system functions on a segmental level(vowels and consonants) and suprasegmental level (word and sentence stress, weak forms); mastery of phonemic transcription; practice of recognition and production of selected pronunciation features with regard to the differences between Czech and English sound systems.

Topics:

- 1. Linguistic disciplines phonetics and phonology; basic terminology (phoneme, allophone, minimal pair).
- 2. Articulation and creation of voice.
- 3. Relationship between speech and writing (correspondences between graphemes and phonemes; silent letters)
- 3. English vocalic system: vowel quality and quantity.
- 4. English consonants: place and manner of articulation, voicing.
- 5. Allophonic variation (devoicing, aspiration).
- 6. Connected speech (assimilation, elision, linking devices).
- 7. Syllable structure and phonotactics.
- 8. Word stress and vowel reduction.
- 9. Sentence stress and weak forms.
- 10. Differences between British and American standard accents (RP x GA).

At the end of the course students are able to:

- classify English segments according to basic criteria;
- describe the nature and distribution of allophonic variations;
- describe how suprasegmental phenomena operate;
- use transcription of isolated words and longer phrases both passively and actively;
- incorporate the studied pronunciation features into their speech

Course Reading List

Compulsory:

ROACH, P. English Phonetics and Phonology. Cambridge, 2009.

Recommended:

WELLS, J. C. Longman Pronunciation Dictionary. Harlow, 2008.

UNDERHILL, A. Sound Foundations. Oxford, 2005.

CRUTTENDEN, A. Gimson's Pronunciation of English. Arnold, 2001.

CRYSTAL, D. How Language Works. London, 2006.

ROACH, P. Phonetics. Oxford, 2001.

ROGERSON, B., GILBERT, J. Speaking Clearly. Cambridge, 1990.