Topics in Phonology: Optimality Theory K287100
Course Syllabus for the Semester of Spring-2012

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Course Description
This course aims to equip students with the logic and theoretical framework behind Optimality Theory. By examining and discussing the wide and deep application of this theory to account for phonological phenomena, the students will come to know how to apply the theory to data.

Prerequisites
Having done the course of Phonetics and Phonology.

Assessment & Evaluation
1. exercises (20%)
2. participation and discussion (20%)
3. summarization and reflection (25%)
4. final project (35%)

Teaching Materials

Course Schedule
This course focuses mainly on the following topics. We will spend one to three weeks on each topic:

1. The architecture of OT grammar
2. Correspondence Theory
3. Segmental alternations in OT
4. OT and the syllable
5. Prosodic structures
6. Reduplication
7. Output-to-output correspondence
8. OT and tone
9. Language typology and universals