

## Phonetics and Phonology

Course code: SPN 3050

Total contact hours: 48 hours

Pre-requisite: SPN-202, SPN-301

### **Course Overview**

This course explores basic concepts of Linguistics in a simple, yet progressive manner, aiming to understand the mechanics of Spanish sound pronunciation, characteristics of articulation, and the graphical representation of its phonemes. Additionally, the course analyzes some dialectal variants of Latin American Spanish.

This course aims to answer the question: *How can we identify the characteristics of Spanish phonemes in general and the dialectal variations in the Americas in particular?*

To address this question, the following topics will be studied:

- Basic fundamentals of sound production: components of the articulatory system.
- Description and characterization of Spanish phonemes: voicing, manners, and places of articulation of Spanish vowels and consonants.
- Relationship between the graphic and phonological systems of Spanish.
- Phonological and phonetic transcription.
- Characterization of syllables, stress, and intonation in Spanish.
- Characterization of some dialectal variations in Latin American Spanish