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This thesis was an attempt to present a Phonological Study of Pa-O (Taungthu) at Ban Huay Salop, Tambon Huay Pha, Muang District, Mae-Hong Son Province by using the Tagmemics theory.

The result of this study shows that the phonological system is composed of twenty consonant phonemes / p, p^h, b, t, t^h, d, c, c^h, k, k^h, ʔ, s, h, m, n, ŋ, l, r, w, j /, eleven vowel phonemes / i, e, ε, a, u, ə, u, o, ɔ, aⁱ, a^u /, and four tonemes: high rising, high falling, mid-level, and low falling tone. The syllable structure is C₁(C₃)(C₄)V₁^T(C₂). There are three types of syllables: presyllable, minor syllable and major syllable. There are three types of phonological words: monosyllabic words, disyllabic words and trisyllabic words. Intonation is caused by tone of the final syllable of the statement either falling or rising.