Because in Lancashire (Bolton) English

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1/ Disyllabic and monosyllabic forms of because

2/ Age-grading in the pronunciation and range of meanings of because

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disyllabic

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/bɪˈkɑːz/ ~ /bə-/ ~ /-s/ 
/bɪˈkəz/ ~ /bə-/ 
/bəkəz/
/pks/

monosyllabic

/ˈkəz/ ~ /ˈkəs/
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because has /z/ or /s/ for a given speaker

(of) course has /s/

'cos shows intraspeaker variation between /z/ and /s/

PKi: Bit by bit, it looks a bit bare [kɒs] they need to grow don't they?
Hypothesis:
1 'course is attested as a reduced/short form

MO1f  it wasn't for long and then [of course] I left.

MO1:  But yet, lots of them didn't have it, [course] I suppose they couldn't afford it.

MC1: And I, [course] I wa/ was busy with my family, I, I always had family to tea and I used to go the house for tea.
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MOi

She is up and down, she doesn't go out you know. <LC: No.> She hasn't many confidence left to go out, <LC: Oh, what a shame.> you know, but er, she's er, she does very well really, she's er, of course she's nearly ninety-one now, <LC: Is she really?> she'll be ninety-one in February.
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LCf 15:45

I was going to give it away till a neighbour came and told me off he said I should spend it on myself 'coz [kɔz] if he'd bought me a crystal vase I would have kept it...
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