

Course Outline: First Language Acquisition

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND LINGUISTICS

Course Code

AP/LING3210 3.0 First Language Acquisition

Course Description

This course undertakes a critical study of the application of linguistic theory and description to first language acquisition. Topics include: the acquisition of phonology, morphology, word meaning and syntax; theories of language acquisition; properties of the input; acquisition strategies; methodologies. Second language acquisition, bilingualism and language impairment will be briefly touched on.

Course Delivery

Delivery Mode: In-person lecture, 2 times a week for 1.5 hours. Classes are NOT recorded.

Course Materials

- Read weekly chapters from: Becker, M. & K. Ud Deen (2020) Language acquisition and development. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- Lecture slides and Youtube videos on various topics

Tentative Grade Breakdown and Deadlines

Assessment	Weight	Mode	Tentative Deadline
Assignment 1	20	Take home, Asynchronous	Week 6
Assignment 2	21	Take home, Asynchronous	Week 11
Homeworks (x4)	4	Take home, Asynchronous	Throughout
Midterm	25	Online, synchronous during class time	Week 8
Final	30	In-person or Online TBT, synchronous	Final exam period
	100%		