

Applied Linguistics

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Course Content

This course provides a survey of a number of issues in language acquisition research and different approaches to the acquisition of (a) native and non-native language(s). In addition, students will be encouraged to reflect on the possible links between second language acquisition research and language pedagogy. Compulsory reading material covers key concepts and issues in first and second language acquisition. Students will supplement this material with independent literature research on a particular paradigm. This will form the basis of a written assignment. Independent empirical research will also lead to a class presentation.

Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- be acquainted with key concepts in applied linguistics with respect to language acquisition;
- be able to draw on theoretical and empirical research to develop syntheses;
- be able to clearly present and critique ideas in applied linguistic research;
- be familiar with and able to apply selected applied linguistic research methods.

Assessment

- 45% Proseminar paper
- 35% Research project & presentation (10% research question and proposal)
- 10% PS paper bibliography and outline
- 5% Reading assignments (contribution to joint bibliography and reading tasks)
- 5% Participation (leading Q&As after presentations, active class participation)

You will be expected to hand in your work in print and electronic form.

You must attend consistently. If you are absent more than twice, you will fail the course.