



Jordan University of Science and Technology
Faculty of Science & Arts
English Language & Linguistics Department

ENG794 Language Acquisition

First Semester 2023-2024

Course Catalog

3 Credit Hours. This course aims at investigating the mechanisms and principles that enable (native) speakers of a language to acquire the (psychological) ability to produce and perceive their language. The first part of the course discusses the theoretical issues that relate to language acquisition. The second part discusses the language of infants in the first year, the development of the lexicon, and the acquisition of grammar (morphology and syntax).

Text Book

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| Title | Child Language Acquisition and Development |
| Author(s) | Matthew Saxton |
| Edition | 2nd Edition |
| Short Name | Ref 1 |
| Other Information | |

Instructor

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Class Schedule & Room

Section 2:

Lecture Time: Thu : 14:30 - 17:30

Room: NG57

Tentative List of Topics Covered

| Weeks | Topic | References |
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| Week 1 | Prelude: Landmarks in the Landscape of Child Language | From Ref 1 |
| Weeks 2, 3 | The Critical Period Hypothesis: Now or Never? | From Ref 1 |
| Weeks 4, 5 | Input and Interaction: Tutorials for Toddlers | From Ref 1 |
| Weeks 6, 7 | Language in the First Year: Breaking the Sound Barrier | From Ref 1 |
| Weeks 8, 9 | The Developing Lexicon: What's in a Name? | From Ref 1 |
| Weeks 10, 11 | The Acquisition of Morphology: Linguistic Lego | From Ref 1 |
| Weeks 12, 13, 14 | Linguistic Nativism: To the Grammar Born | From Ref 1 |
| Week 15 | Wrap up | |

Relationship to Program Student Outcomes (Out of 100%)

| CLO 1 | CLO 2 | CLO 3 | CLO 4 | CLO 5 |
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