

Global Learning Semesters

Course Syllabus

Course: LALI-490 Psycholinguistics

Department: Language

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
LALI-490	Psycholinguistics	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	3	LALI-370 Sociolinguistics
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Language	Upper Division	English

Course Description

Course contents include: Nature of language, Major theories of learning, Non-human linguistic capability, Language acquisition, The question of innate language capacity, Grammar and innate language capacity, Planning and production of speech, The question of the necessity of grammar

Instructor

Dr Kakia Petinou

Course Aims and Objectives

This theoretical course aims to study the relationship between the mind and language. The focus is on the enigma of human's capacity to speak and comprehend language, and concerns such areas as the problem of language acquisition, language knowledge and usage, and the production of speech.

Teaching Methods

Facilities are available for PowerPoint lecture presentations, VCRs, Online Computers, Computer Labs. Teachers may also use a mix of lectures, tutorials, case studies, student presentations, group work, role play, literature review, analysis of research data, and field visits and have visiting specialists give lectures.

Course Teaching Hours

3 hours a week over a thirteen week semester.

Evaluation and Grading

Final exam: 40%
Midterm: 30%
Continuous: 30%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook

Aitchison, J, *The Articulate Mammal: An Introduction to Psycholinguistics*, 4th edition, London: Routledge, 1998

Recommended Reading

Aitchison, Jean, *Introducing Language and Mind*, (Penguin 1992)

Altman, Gerry T.M., *Cognitive Models of Speech Processing: Psycholinguistic and Computational Perspectives*, (MIT Press, 1990)

Bever, Thomas G. and John M. Carroll, *Talking Minds: The Study of Language in Cognitive Science*, (MIT Press, 1984)

Carroll, David W. *The Psychology of Language*, (Brooks, 1999)

Gopnik, Alison and Andrew N. Meltzoff, *Words, Thoughts, and Theories*, (MIT Press, 1997)

Harris Margaret , *Language Processing in Children and Adults: An Introduction*, (Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1986)

Malavé, Lilliam and Georges Duquette (eds.), *Language, Culture and Cognition*, (Multilingual Matters, 1991)

Moravcsik J.M.E., *Thought and Language*, (Routledge, 1990)

Ragland-Sullivan, Ellie and Mark Bracher, *Lacan and the Subject of Language*, (Routledge, 1991)

Scovel, Thomas, *Psycholinguistics*, (Oxford UP, 2000)