

Course description

Descriptif du cours

Department : English

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Academic year: 2021/2022

Level: 3rd Year

Course title: UEF513. Psycholinguistics

Course outline:

Part I. Introduction

weeks 1-3

I.1. Scope of psycholinguistics

I.2. Historical context

I.3. Linguistic perspective to the psychology of language

I.4. Psychological mechanisms involved in using language

Part II. Language Comprehension

weeks 4-6

II.1. Perception of language

II.2. The internal lexicon

II.3. Sentence comprehension

II.4. Discourse comprehension

Part III. Language Production and Interaction

weeks 7-8

III.1. Production of speech and language

III.2. Conversational Interaction

Part IV. Language Acquisition

weeks 9-11

IV.1. First language acquisition

IV.2. Bilingualism and second language acquisition

IV.3. Processes of language acquisition

Part V. Biological Foundations of Language

weeks 12-14

V.1. Brain structure and language functions

V.2. Lateralization of language processes

Course objectives:

This course aims to familiarize students with the major theories and key concepts related to the cognitive and psychological nature of language acquisition and language usage. This course is meant to be an introduction to psycholinguistics. It explores the psychological and cognitive processes involved in the comprehension, production and acquisition of language. It also examines key issues concerning how the brain is mapped to 'use' language.

Method of evaluation:

Evaluation is in the form of two examinations: a mid-term examination towards the end of the first semester AND a final examination in January.

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