

THE PSYCHOLINGUISTICS OF SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION
LIN 4930-1389; LIN 6932- 1H46
SYLLABUS - FALL Semester 2013

Classroom & time: Tuesday 7th period AND 32 (1:55-2:45pm)
 Thursday 7+8th periods AND 32 (1:55-3:50pm)

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Prerequisites: *Undergraduates:* LIN3010, and at least one of LIN4790, LIN4701, LIN4702C, LIN4721, EXP3604, DEP3053, DEP4163, SPA4104, SPA4402 or SPA4004

Course description:

This course deals with basic issues in the processing and acquisition of a second language, and the psycholinguistic and brain imaging techniques can be applied to address these issues. Topics include: introduction to psycholinguistic and brain imaging methods, the bilingual lexicon, second language sentence processing, learning sounds in L2, controlling multiple languages, and code switching. Also the issue of proficiency versus age of acquisition and L1 attrition will be addressed.

Objectives:

- To learn the basic questions and terminology related to the psycho/neurolinguistics of second language acquisition
- To learn to evaluate psycho/neurolinguistic studies of second language acquisition in terms of their scientific and methodological aspects
- To improve presentation skills

Course website:

Course materials (reading, lecture notes, syllabus, etc) will be made available on the Sakai course website on E-learning (<https://lss.at.ufl.edu/>). **Deadlines and grades** will also be posted on the website. You are responsible for checking the site regularly and for letting the instructor know *promptly* if anything is unclear, or if your grade has been entered incorrectly.

Overall grade. The weighting of the various requirements in the final grade is

	Graduates	Undergraduates
Summaries of research articles	30 %	15%
Presentation of paper in class	28 %	N/A
Final paper (research proposal)	30 %	N/A
3 Tests (take home)	N/A	33%
Poster + written summary	N/A	40%
Debate	10%	10%
Active participation	2%	2%
Optional: Participation in LIN/SLHS experiments (or alternative assignment)	2% extra credit	2% extra credit

The course grading scale is:

A = 90-100 B = 80-83.9 C = 70-73.9 D = 60-63.9
A- = 87-89.9 B- = 77-79.9 C- = 67-69.9 D- = 57-59.9
B+ = 84-86.9 C+ = 74-76.9 D+ = 64-66.9 E = < 56

For UF grading policies for assigning grade points, see:
<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

Requirements and assignments:

GRADUATE STUDENTS ONLY

1. Paper presentations

- Approximately 20 minutes; one paper per presenter per session.
- Level should be advanced undergraduate level (your classmates)
- Powerpoint (bring it on a memory key or bring your own computer; please mail a copy to kaan@ufl.edu after class)
- Last slide has points for discussion
- Will be followed by a 10-15 minute group discussion
- Please don't hesitate to contact Dr. Kaan if you have questions when preparing your presentation

2. Final written assignment

- About 12-20 pages long, double-spaced
- Structured like a grant proposal
- APA formatting and referencing guidelines
- Contains an overview of the literature on a selected topic related to the psycho/neurolinguistics of SLA or bilingualism
- Contains a proposal for a new, original experiment using the brain imaging methods discussed in class, or patients with brain damage, to investigate SLA or bilingualism.
- Topic should be chosen before October 17 (each will meet with Dr. Kaan around that time)
- Draft handed in before November 12 (Sakai).
- Final version due: December 10, 2013 (Sakai)

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ONLY

1. Tests

Tests are take-home exams. These are non-cumulative and will test material covered in the lectures, discussions and course readings. These exams may be timed, and will consist of at least one essay question in which you will be asked to apply your knowledge to a new situation. Working together on a test is NOT allowed. Answers will need to be submitted on Sakai. Deadlines will be specified closer to the date.

2. Poster presentation and final summary paper

- The course is concluded with a poster presentation (individually, or in a team of two) on a selected topic. Topic should be chosen before October 17. You can choose among the topics provided by the instructor, or choose your own topic in discussion with the instructor. For this assignment you will need to do a literature search, and find a few relevant journal articles, each discussing different points of view. The poster should clearly summarize the main points and

arguments in favor of one position or the other and should conclude with your own stance, and suggestions for further experimentation. You will be graded on the quality of the poster and on the oral presentation of the poster during a poster session.

- The final paper is an extended version of the poster in running prose. The final paper should clearly summarize the main points and arguments (data) in favor of one position or the other and should conclude with your own stance. The final paper should be written and handed in individually. The paper should be double spaced and between 6 and 10 pages long, including references. It should be formatted according to APA guidelines, and submitted through Sakai. At various points throughout the semester draft versions of this paper, or other assignments related to this paper need to be handed in.

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3. Summaries of papers to be discussed in class.

- To be handed in (**HARDCOPY!**) on each of the days when we read a journal article for class
- 1-2 pages, double sided
- Contains: (1) an explanation of the research questions examined in the article; (2) the methodology followed and the general findings
- *Undergraduates* should include at least **one** discussion question or question for clarification to help the discussion; *graduate students* should include at least **two**.
- It is expected that all details of the article may not be understood, but that a sincere effort will be made to read and summarize the main points of each article before coming to class.

4. Debate (team assignment)

We will have one or two debates on a pre-assigned topic. Students will be divided into groups in advance and are expected to meet outside of class to prepare this debate. Each student will need to present at least one part of the debate (opening statement, arguments, rebuttal, closing statement). Detailed instructions will be provided in class. Students will be graded on team work, as well as the solidity of their argumentation.

5. Active participation:

- Contributing to discussion in class
- Coming to class prepared

6. Optional! Participation in LIN/CSD experiments.

Before November 12! To encourage awareness of different aspects of experimental research in language-related fields, you can elect to participate in 2 hours of language or communication research during the semester. A list of experiments that qualify for this credit can be found at <http://slhs.phhp.ufl.edu/student-info/participant-pool-2/> . This site will be updated throughout the semester. Please retain a copy of the IRB form as proof that you participated. You need to have participated in 2 hours of experiments before November 12, 2013 for you to receive credit. This assignment will be worth 2% of your course grade. If you choose not to participate or do not qualify for any of the studies, you can receive the same amount of course credit for reading a short research article and writing a 2 page synopsis. This article needs to cover a psycho/neurolinguistics topic, and cannot be one of the articles used for your final poster/paper assignment. This paper must be turned in no later than November 12, 2013. If you are currently enrolled in other classes that require participation in experiments, and your total participation requirement exceeds 4 hours this semester, please see the instructor.

Policies:

- Please turn off all cell phones.
- Emailing, web browsing, face-booking, texting, chatting and other cell phone or computer activity is not allowed during class unless this is part of the course assignments.
- Students are required to hand in all assignments and tests *before the beginning of the class period* they are due. Please contact the instructor *in advance* if you need to skip a class, or cannot make a deadline. Please also make sure you have at least one external backup of the assignments you make for this class. Computer problems will not be considered a valid excuse for missing assignments and test deadlines.
- Homework and exams that are not handed in before the deadline will be graded as “0 points”
- There will be no make-up exams, make-up assignments or extensions of deadlines without a documented medical excuse.
- If you miss *more than 15 minutes of more than three class periods* without a documented medical or academic excuse, one point will be deducted from your final score for each additional time you are absent, leave early, or come late.

Teamwork and academic honesty:

Homework and exams should be submitted individually, unless the assignment guidelines state otherwise or you have made prior arrangements with the instructor. Although you are encouraged to discuss class-related topics outside of class, this should not be confused with writing up the results of a classmate's work, having a classmate check your answers, or letting a classmate copy your answers - this is unacceptable. See the University of Florida Honor Code and the academic honesty guidelines at <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/1213/advising/info/student-honor-code.aspx>.

Accommodations for students with disabilities:

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/>. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation. The Disability Resource Center is located in 001 Building 0020 (Reid Hall). Their phone number is 392-8565.

Readings (subject to change)

All readings **are required**. Readings are available through uflib.ufl.edu. Papers that are not available through the UF library will be made accessible through e-reserves or the course website.

Background literature:

- Bialystok, E. (2009). Bilingualism: The good, the bad, and the indifferent. *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition*, 12, 3-11.
- Clahsen, H., & Felser, C. (2006). How native-like is non-native language processing? *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*, 10, 564-570.
- Desmet, T., & Duyck, W. (2007). Bilingual language processing. *Language and Linguistics Compass*, 1, 168-194.
- Kaan, E. (2007). Event-Related Potentials and language processing: A brief overview. *Language and Linguistics Compass*, 1, 571-591.
- Köpke, B. (2004). Neurolinguistic aspects of attrition. *Journal of Neurolinguistics*, 17, 3-30.
- Kroll, J. F., Dussias, P. E., Bogulski, C. A., & Valdes-Kroff, J. (2012). Juggling two languages in one mind: What bilinguals tell us about language processing and its consequences for cognition. In B. Ross (Ed.), *The Psychology of Learning and Motivation* (Vol. 56, pp. 229-262). San Diego: Academic Press

- Roberts, L. (2012). Review article: Psycholinguistic techniques and resources in second language acquisition research. *Second Language Research*, 28, 113-127.
- Steinhauer, K., White, E. J., & Drury, J. E. (2009). Temporal dynamics of late second language acquisition: evidence from event-related brain potentials. *Second Language Research*, 25, 13-41.
- Strange, W., & Shafer, V.L. (2008). Speech perception in second language learners. In J. G. Hansen Edwards & M. L. Zampini (Eds.), *Phonology and Second Language Acquisition* (pp. 153-191). Amsterdam: John Benjamins.
- Van Heuven, W., & Dijkstra, T. (2010). Language comprehension in the bilingual brain: fMRI and ERP support for psycholinguistic models. *Brain Research Reviews*, 64, 104-122.

Discussion (and graduate student presentations)

0. Kim, K. H. S., Relkin, N. R., Lee, K.-M., & Hirsch, J. (1997). Distinct cortical areas associated with native and second languages. *Nature*, 388, 171-174.
1. Spivey, M. J., & Marian, V. (1999). Cross talk between native and second languages: Partial activation of an irrelevant lexicon. *Psychological Science*, 10, 281-284.
2. Morford, J. P., Wilkinson, E., Villwock, A., Piñar, P., & Kroll, J. F. (2011). When deaf signers read English: Do written words activate their sign translations? *Cognition*, 118, 286-292
3. Elston-Güttler, K. E., Gunter, T. C., & Kotz, S. A. (2005). Zooming into L2: Global language context and adjustment affect processing of interlingual homographs in sentences. *Cognitive Brain Research*, 25, 57-70.
4. Misra, M., Guo, T., Bobb, S. C., & Kroll, J. F. (2012). When bilinguals choose a single word to speak: Electrophysiological evidence for inhibition of the native language. *Journal of Memory and Language*, 67, 224-237.
5. Kovács, Á. M., & Mehler, J. (2009). Cognitive gains in 7-month-old bilingual infants. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA*, 106, 6556–6560.
6. Hartsuiker, R. J., Pickering, M. J., & Veltkamp, E. (2004). Is syntax separate or shared between languages?: Cross-linguistic syntactic priming in Spanish-English bilinguals. *Psychological Science*, 15, 409-414.
7. Pliatsikas, C., & Marinis, T. (2012). Processing empty categories in a second language: When naturalistic exposure fills the (intermediate) gap. *Bilingualism: Language and Cognition, FirstView*, 1-16.
8. Perrachione, T. K., Lee, J., Ha, L. Y. Y., & Wong, P. C. M. (2011). Learning a novel phonological contrast depends on interactions between individual differences and training paradigm design. *Journal of the Acoustical Society of America*, 130, 461 - 472
9. McLaughlin, J., Osterhout, L., & Kim, A. (2004). Neural correlates of second language word learning: Minimal instruction produces rapid change. *Nature Neuroscience*, 7, 703-704.
10. Ettliger, M., Bradlow, A. R., & Wong, P. C. M. (2012). Variability in the learning of complex morphophonology. *Applied Psycholinguistics, FirstView*, 1-25.

Schedule:

The following schedule is an estimate of the course's progress, with readings for the given week and **approximate** dates of the tests. I will let you know when the tests and assignment deadlines are exactly as they approach, and will keep you updated if we go off track. Please also regularly consult the schedule on the course website on Sakai for updates.

Overview of the course, Fall 2013 (subject to change!)

Week/date	Tuesday	Thursday	Deadlines	Background readings (required)
1 -Aug 22		Intro to the course		syllabus
2 -Aug27/29	lexicon	Pres0 (Kim et al., 1997) lexicon		Kroll, Dussias, Bogulski, & Valdes-Kroff, 2012 (sections 1 -2.1); Van Heuven & Dijkstra, 2010 (sections 1- 2.1) Roberts, 2012
3-Sept 3/5	Pres1 (Spivey & Marian, 1999)	Pres2 (Morford, Wilkinson, Villwock, Piñar, & Kroll, 2011)		Desmet & Duyck, 2007 Van Heuven & Dijkstra, 2010
4 -Sept 10/12	lexicon	Pres3 (Elston-Güttler, Gunter, & Kotz, 2005)	Test 1	Kaan, 2007; Kroll, et al., 2012 (section 4);
5 -Sept 17/19	Cognitive control	Pres4 (Misra, Guo, Bobb, & Kroll, 2012)		Bialystok, 2009; Kroll, et al., 2012 (section 3); Van Heuven & Dijkstra, 2010
6 -Sept 24-26	Cognitive control	Pres5 (Kovács & Mehler, 2009)		
7-Oct 1/3	Syntactic/morphological processing	Pres6 (Hartsuiker, Pickering, & Veltkamp, 2004)		Clahsen & Felser, 2006; Desmet & Duyck, 2007 (p 81-88); Kroll et al., 2012(section 2.2)
8-Oct 8/10	Syntactic/morphological processing	Pres7 (Pliatsikas & Marinis, 2012); Prep for debate		
9 -Oct 15/17	sounds	Debate-1	Test 2 <i>Select topic for final paper/poster (Oct 17)</i>	Strange & Shafer, 2008; TBA
10 -Oct 22/24	sounds	Debate-2		
11- Oct29/31	Lexical tones	Pres8 (Perrachione, Lee, Ha, &		Steinhauer, White, & Drury, 2009

	(instructor: Shuang Lu)	Wong, 2011) Learning		
12-Nov5/7	Learning	Language acquisition and cognitive control (instructor: Sabra Pelham)		
13-Nov 12/14	learning	Pres9 (McLaughlin, Osterhout, & Kim, 2004) Pres10 (Ettlenger, Bradlow, & Wong, 2012)	Draft of paper due(Nov 12) Hand in proof of experimental participation (Nov 12)	TBA
14 -Nov 19/21	Attrition	Poster presentations		Köpke, 2004
15-Nov26	Attrition	NO CLASS		
16-Dec 3	Wrap-up Final paper due Dec 10		Test 3	