

COURSE DETAIL

FIRST LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Utrecht University

Program(s)

Utrecht University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Linguistics

UCEAP Course Number

118

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

FIRST LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course focuses on the question of which cognitive, biological, and environmental factors are responsible for the acquisition of mother tongue knowledge of language and the ability to use this knowledge in a natural and creative manner in daily life. Several of these factors are studied, starting from the linguistic perspective that reveals the variable and invariant characteristics of sound structure, word and sentence structure and meaning. This basis leads to develop further insight into the distinction between domain-specific mechanisms for language acquisition and general cognitive skills in development. Characteristic of the chosen approach is the language-comparative perspective. The process of acquiring different languages is covered and students consider what that indicates about the interaction of the cognitive systems of knowledge involved in that process. Signs that characterize the incredible development children go through in all linguistic facets is discussed. From the first distinctive skills relative to sound patterns, through word and sentence structure, to dependencies and meaning relationships within sentences and in context .

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

TL2V14103

Host Institution Course Title

FIRST LANGUAGE ACQUISITION

Host Institution Campus

Humanities

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Languages, Literature and Communication

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