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 FIRST LANG ACQUISTN
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

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus
Humanities

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Languages, Literature and Communication

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