

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Course and Instructor Information

Course Title	Second Language Acquisition	Course code	ENG 466
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Course Instructor	Name	
	College	College of Arabic Language and Social Studies
	Office Number	
	Email	
	Office Hours	

2. Course Objective

The main purpose of this course is to acquaint students to the processes of Second Language Acquisition and to introduce them to the main theories that try to explain language development.

3. Topics to be covered

No.	Topic	No. of weeks	Contact Hours
1	Introducing Second Language Acquisition: What is SLA? What is a second language? What is a first language? Diversity in learning and learners Summary Activities	2	6
2	Foundations of Second Language Acquisition The world of second languages The nature of language learning L1 versus L2 learning Summary Activities	1	3
3	The linguistics of Second Language Acquisition The nature of language Early approaches to SLA Universal Grammar Functional Approaches Summary Activities	4	12
4	The psychology of Second Language Acquisition Languages and the brain Learning processes Differences in learners Summary Activities	3	9
5	Social contexts of Second Language Acquisition Communicative competence Microsocial factors Macrosocial factors Summary Activities	2	6
6	L2 learning and teaching Integrating perspectives Approaching near-native competence Implications for L2 learning and teaching Summary	2	6

4. Prescribed textbook

Saville-Troike, Muriel (2012). Introducing Second Language Acquisition. Second Edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.



5. Assessment

No.	Assessment task	Week due	Proportion of total assessment
1	Quiz 1	7	5
2	Quiz 2	12	5
3	Data collection	5 and 10	5
4	Group work and participation in class discussions	1-15	10
5	Mid-term exam	8	25
6	Final exam	16	50