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**COURSE SYLLABUS**

COURSE TITLE: Language Acquisition

COURSE CODE: Eng 329

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**A. COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The course is concerned with theories of first and second language acquisition and the contemporary approaches to the study of first language acquisition.

**B. METHOD OF INSTRUCTION**

Lecture, class discussion, small group discussion and demonstration

**C. COURSE OBJECTIVES**

1- Giving students basic knowledge of theories of first and second language acquisition

2- Getting students familiarize with contemporary approaches to the study of first language acquisition.

**D. COURSE LENGTH**

**3 hours per week**.

**E. TOPICS/UNITS AND DATES**

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| **Week number** | **Lectures Topic** | **Remarks**  |
| Week1 | Orientation week |
| Week2 | The Concepts of Language and Linguistics  |
| Week3 | Theories of Language Acquisition  |  |
| Week4 | Spring vacation |  |
| Week5 | The Behaviorist Theory  |  |
| Week6 | The Innateness Theory  |  |
| Week7 | The Social Interactionist Theory  |  |
| Week8 | **First Midterm Exam** |
| Week9 | Stages of Language Acquisition  |  |
| Week10 | Second Language Leaning  |  |
| Week11 | Acquisition and Learning  |  |
| Week12 | The Grammar-Translation Method  |  |
| Week13 | The Audiolingual Method  |  |
| Week14 | Communicative Approaches  |  |
| Week15 | **Second Midterm Exam**  |  |
| Week16 | Review week |
| Week 17 | Final examination starts |
| Week18 | Final examination ends |

**F. TEXTBOOK(S) AND REQUIRED TOOLS OR SUPPLIES**

**1- List Required Textbooks:**

1. Language Acquisition: An Introductory Course, Suzan M. Gass. Routledge, 2008

**G. GRADING POLICY & PLAN**

1. No make-up exam without official excuses with 7 days.

2. Weighting of course components:

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| **Evaluation Tools** | **Points** |
| First Midterm Exam | 20% |
| Attendance and Participation | 20% |
| Second Midterm Exam | 20% |
| Final Exam | 40% |
| **TOTAL** | **100%** |

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| **Class Points** | **Grade** | **Weight**  |
| 95 – 100  | A+ | 5 |
| 90 –< 95 | A | 4.75 |
| 85 – <90 | B+ | 4.50 |
| 80 – <85 | B | 4.00 |
| 75 –< 80 | C+ | 3.50 |
| 70 – <75 | C | 3.00 |
| 65 – <70 | D+ | 2.50 |
| 60 – <65 | D | 2.00 |
|  <60  | F | 1.00 |

**H. COURSE COMPONANT SPECIFICS & INSTRUCTIONS**

Procedures pertaining to course components:

1- Arriving 10 minutes late to the lecture will be considered absent.

2- Students failing to submit assignments on time will be given a second chance one week later; then, no assignment will be accepted.