

Language Acquisition

Semester 2 2013 - Tuesday & Thursday 12pm-1pm

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Readings

The required textbook for this module is *Child Language: Acquisition and Growth* by Dr. Barbara Lust. It is available in the on campus bookstore.

Assessments

Exams [50% of mark]

There will be a final exam during exam term that will cover content from the entire semester.

Homeworks [50% of mark]

Weekly Assignments: 40% of Mark

There will be homework project assigned almost every week. Students should do all these weekly assignments in order to keep up with the module material and assess their own progress.

These weekly assignments will not, initially, be collected or marked. Instead, students will discuss the homework in their Tuesday tutorial group. Students are also welcome to meet with their seminar convener to go over their written assignments during term to get feedback.

In class during week 11, we will tell you which subset of questions from these weekly assignments you have to submit to get credit for this assessment. The revised homework is due in class during week 12.

Mid Term Test 10% of Mark

There will be a mid term test in class during week 6. This test will be based on the content of the lectures, textbook and homeworks through week 5. This test will provide you with feedback on your progress, and with a practice test to use to prepare for the final exam.

All work submitted for assessment must be submitted on QMPlus via pdf file upload. Only pdf files will count - no .doc or .docx files under any circumstances.

Extensions/Late Work

If you are unable to meet an assessed coursework deadline owing to extenuating circumstances you may submit a claim for extenuating circumstances to apply for an extension. This should be at least ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE of the deadline. This applies even if a deadline falls at the very beginning of a semester. The same applies if your assessment is an in-class test during Semester One or Two, which is treated as coursework by the College systems. For in-class tests, an extension, if your claim is accepted, would normally take the form of a new opportunity to sit the test.

You will need to submit your claim using the Schools online form here: http://sllf.qmul.ac.uk/Extenuating_Circumstances

The reasons for the request must be explained by you and all required information must be included on the form. You will also be required to supply supporting documentation, e.g. a medical certificate or equivalent, as requested. Incomplete applications will be rejected. You will need to make an appointment to discuss your claim with the Senior Tutor for your year of study.

If you have missed a deadline or in-class test owing to extenuating circumstances on the day of the deadline, you should submit your claim as soon as you can. In such cases, it is acceptable to seek an extension after the event. However, this should normally be within three working days of the deadline.

Extension of a deadline will ONLY be granted in cases of genuine extenuating circumstances; it is not an automatic right. You will not be granted an extension for foreseeable problems, such as conflicting deadlines, difficulty in obtaining books from the Library, or having to take paid work, nor for short-term or last-minute problems such as transport delays or IT problems. Remember that, unless an extension has been agreed, a late essay will receive a mark of no more than 40% (a bare pass) if submitted within two weeks, and a mark of zero if submitted more than two weeks late. All written coursework is submitted electronically via QM+, which automatically gives a date and time for the submission. This means we are very strict five minutes late is still late and will incur the penalty of the 40% cap.

[Consult the SLLF Student Handbook for further information and details: http://www-dev.sllf.qmul.ac.uk/sites/default/files/U-G_Handbook_13-14.pdf]