The goal of this course is to introduce students to the field of first language acquisition; to present them with the fundamental questions; and to familiarize them with the basic methodological tools required for pursuing independent research. We will discuss different language acquisition theories, the development of the various subparts of language and a number of methodologies to study child language. This course is not designed to provide definitive answers; its central aim is to intellectually stimulate the students and motivate them to further explore this incredible capacity which defines us as humans.

Course requirements:
Attendance required: yes
Formulation of questions regarding the readings (15%)
Participation in class discussions (5%)
Tutorial assignments (25%)
Final exam (55%)