Name of the course: Introduction to cognitive science – language acquisition
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Course number: 132-1-0091
Office hours: by appointment

Short course description (5-10 lines) with key words at the end of the paragraph
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.

Key words: First language acquisition, experimental psycholinguistics, cognitive science, linguistic theory, syntax, semantics/pragmatics, experimental language and mind

Course requirements:
Attendance required yes
1. Participation 5%
2. Reading questions 15%
3. Tutorial assignments 25%
4. Final exam 55%

Selected bibliography