

**LING 373**  
**Second Language Acquisition**  
**Fall 2021**

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### **Course Description**

This course is an introduction to the field of Second Language Acquisition which looks at how children and adults acquire additional languages (it could be a 2nd or 3rd or 4th language). We will explore the nature of these *interlanguage* grammars, as well as the relevant linguistic domains (phonology, morphology and syntax) as extralinguistic (emotional, cognitive, as well as societal) factors that shape them.

This course will be useful to you if you are (or want to be) a learner or teacher of an additional language.

### **Course Materials**

Ortega, Lourdes. (2009). *Understanding Second Language Acquisition*, Routledge.

### **Course Assignments**

Midterm Exam	25%
Annotated Bibliography	20%
Position paper	30%
Final Exam	25%

A position paper is a type of research paper. Writing a research paper in linguistics follows many of the guidelines that other academic essays do. You are synthesizing other people's research on a particular topic and attempting to solve a particular puzzle.

A position is very much like a hypothesis in a research study.

Example hypothesis: Students who receive explicit pronunciation instruction will outperform students who do not receive such instruction on measures of global accent and intelligibility.

Example position: Student should receive explicit pronunciation instruction as it improves their global accent and intelligibility.