



LING 473: Advanced Topics in Second Language Acquisition (1.5 units) Spring 2026 – University of Victoria



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Schedule

Fridays 11:30-2:30

Prerequisites

LING 373 and LING 374

Description

This course will provide you with an overview of some current issues in SLA research (including Instructed SLA research). We will look at individual modules such as phonology, morphology and syntax, and explore questions such as whether L2 learners can acquire features which are not in their L1, and whether L2 learners can acquire nativelike competence and proficiency in their second language. We will argue against a critical period, and against a monolingual, nativelike bar of assessment. We will look at evidence for an integrated I-grammar. The course will also cover some topics of emerging interest in the field such as codeswitching, research on L3 acquisition; acquisition by heritage language learners; training studies and why methods like high-variability phonetic training work in teaching pronunciation.

Textbooks

None required

Instructor

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