

**Contexts of Instructed Second Language
Acquisition (SLA)**

Code: 44031
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
4313157 Advanced English Studies	OT	0	1

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Use of Languages

Principal working language: english (eng)

Teachers

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Prerequisites

- Students are expected to have a C1 level of English according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFRL) to follow the course as well as oral and written English academic skills.
- Students are expected to have basic knowledge of linguistics to follow the course.

Objectives and Contextualisation

This course aims at exploring Instructed Second Language Acquisition in different contexts: English as a Foreign Language contexts, immersion, CLIL, EMI and interaction contexts. We will analyse L2 knowledge and different types of instruction and how these are acquired in different contexts. The course will also explore individual differences in language learning.

Competences

- Analyse the relationship between factors, processes or phenomena in the acquisition of English as a second language, its learning and teaching methods, and its literature, history and culture.
- Apply methodological knowledge of statistical analysis and data generation, treatment and codification of multilingual databases, analysis of literary texts, etc. to research.
- Critically argue, issue judgements and present ideas on the basis of the analysis of information originating from scientific production in these areas.
- Develop autonomous learning skills applicable to the research process.
- Distinguish and contrast between the different methodological and theoretical models applied to the academic study of the acquisition, teaching and use of English as a second language in multilingual and multicultural contexts, literary studies and cultural studies.
- Resolve problems in multicultural academic and/or professional environments associated with the studies of the acquisition, teaching and use of English as a second language in multilingual and multicultural contexts, and the literature and culture of this language.
- Show respect towards the opinions, values, behaviours and/or practices of others.
- Use new technologies for capturing and organising information relevant to lifelong learning and problem-solving in professional activities.

- Use the English language for academic and professional purposes related to research into the acquisition, teaching and use of English as a second language in multilingual and multicultural contexts, literary studies and cultural studies.
- Work effectively in teams in multilingual, multicultural and interdisciplinary professional and/or academic environments.

Learning Outcomes

1. Critically read academic articles and chapters on the characteristics of second/foreign language acquisition in instructional contexts and on the teaching programmes that such contexts use.
2. Design activities and questionnaires to evaluate the effects of second/foreign language teaching programmes.
3. Design didactic activities linked to second/foreign language teaching programmes.
4. Develop autonomous learning skills applicable to the research process.
5. Distinguish second/foreign language acquisition contexts and the factors that characterise them.
6. Evaluate data published in academic articles on second/foreign language acquisition in instructional contexts.
7. Explain the advantages and difficulties inherent in the implementation of distinct second/foreign language acquisition programmes in instructional contexts.
8. Explain the different individual factors influencing second/foreign language acquisition in instructional contexts.
9. Explain the relationship between different types of instruction and different types of second/foreign language proficiency.
10. Identify the main principles of second/foreign language acquisition in instructional contexts and their contribution to the development of multilingualism and multiculturalism.
11. Show respect towards the opinions, values, behaviours and/or practices of others.
12. Use new technologies for capturing and organising information relevant to lifelong learning and problem-solving in professional activities.
13. Work effectively in teams in multilingual, multicultural and interdisciplinary professional and/or academic environments.
14. Write advanced academic papers on second/foreign language acquisition in instructional contexts and on the teaching programmes that such contexts use.

Content

1. Instructed Second Language Acquisition (ISLA)
2. The nature of L2 knowledge and types of instruction
3. English as a Foreign Language (EFL) learning through interaction.
4. Immersion, CLIL and EMI programmes.
5. Individual differences in language learning in instructed contexts.

Methodology

Lectures, practical sessions, guided readings, class discussions, project work, bibliographical research, individual written assignments.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
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Type: Directed			
Directed activities (lectures, practical sessions)	30	1.2	11, 4, 13, 12
Type: Supervised			
Supervised activities (assignments, readings, oral presentations)	35	1.4	4
Type: Autonomous			
Autonomous activities (personal study, readings, bibliographical research)	60	2.4	11, 4, 13, 12

Assessment

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Assignment: 20%

Exam: 40%

Final term paper: 40%

Students will obtain a Not assessed/Not submitted course grade unless they have submitted more than 40% of the assessment items.

Procedure for Reviewing Grades Awarded

On carrying out each evaluation activity, lecturers will inform students (on Moodle) of the procedures to be followed for reviewing all grades awarded, and the date on which such a review will take place.

Reassessment

Re-assessment for this subject will be undertaken on an item-by-item basis, for which the following conditions are applicable:

- The student must previously have submitted a minimum of two-thirds of the course-assessment items.
- Any item awarded a grade of less than 4 may be re-assessed. The grade for those items awarded 4 or higher will be included in the calculation of the global average grade for the subject.
- The maximum grade for re-assessed items is 5.

VERY IMPORTANT: Total or partial plagiarism of any of the exercises will automatically be considered "fail" (0) for the plagiarized item. Plagiarism is copying one or more sentences from unidentified sources, presenting it as original work (THIS INCLUDES COPYING PHRASES OR FRAGMENTS FROM THE INTERNET AND ADDING THEM WITHOUT MODIFICATION TO A TEXT WHICH IS PRESENTED AS ORIGINAL). Plagiarism is a serious offense. Students must learn to respect the intellectual property of others, identifying any source they may use, and take responsibility for the originality and authenticity of the texts they produce.

In the event of a student committing any irregularity that may lead to a significant variation in the grade awarded to an assessment activity, the student will be given a zero for this activity, regardless of any disciplinary process that may take place. In the event of several irregularities in assessment activities of the same subject, the student will be given a zero as the final grade for this subject.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Assignment	20%	5	0.2	6, 11, 4, 3, 2, 14, 1, 13, 12
Exam	40%	5	0.2	5, 7, 8, 9, 10
Final term paper	40%	15	0.6	4, 14, 1, 12

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Software

No specific software will be used.