Kainan University

Department of Applied English

Spring Semester 2008 Course Syllabus

Course Code No.	Course Title	Instructor	Subject	Level of Course
3250M0080	Chinese:	Wolfgang Sperlich	X required □ elective	Year: Class(AorB):
3050M0080	English: Language Acquisition	e-mail/phone ext: @mail.knu.cdu.tw #	Credits:	2
Teaching Goals and Content	The course will develop students' modern approaches to second lang current state of L2 research and in	guage instruction. Textbook and si	ues of second langu upplementary readin	age issues and to apply gs will introduce the
Teaching Methods	X lectures X practical training X discussion X question-and-answer other (details			
Grading and Evaluation Criteria	midterm 30% fina other 10% (details: 2 langu	al 40 % class particinge acquisition Quizzes)	pation 20%	
Textbooks	(author, title, edition, publi Second Language Acquisition Rod Ellis Oxford University Press, 1997	isher, place of publication,	year of publica	tion, pages covered)

Course Description (including outline and course schedule):

The course will develop students' ability to understand the basic issues of second language issues and to apply modern approaches to second language instruction. Textbook and supplementary readings will introduce the current state of L2 research and instructional methodologies. Given that the students are themselves instructed in L2, there will be ample opportunity to discuss and highlight practical issues. The context also allows for a critical evaluation of L2 language policies and their impact on various societies.

Assessment will be based on class participation, performance in the mid-semester and final examinations, and two language acquisition quizzes. Examinations will contain a strong focus on practical issues in second language acquisition as related to instruction.

- Week 1. Introduction
- Week 2. Describing and explaining L2 acquisition
- Week 3. The nature of learner language
- Week 4. Interlanguage
- Week 5. Social aspects of interlanguage
- Week 6. Discourse aspects of interlanguage
- Week 7. psycholinguistic aspects of interlanguage
- Week 8. linguistic aspects of interlanguage
- Week 9. Mid-Semester Examination
- Week 10. Individual differences in L2 acquisition
- Week 11. Instruction and L2 acquisition
- Week 12. Universal Grammar
- Week 13. Minimalist Program
- Week 14. The Lexicon
- Week 15. Acquisition of vocabulary
- Week 16. The Politics of language acquisition
- Week 17. Educational policies and language acquisition
- Week 18. Final Examination



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