

LNG 230/SPV 221

Lehman College, CUNY
Language Acquisition

MON WES, 8:00-9:15, Speech/Thr 202

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Course Description: Study of speech, language, and communication skills in typically developing children. Exploration of gender, multicultural, multilinguistic, and socioeconomic variations in language development. Analysis of the processes involved in language learning and use and the foundations of language and literacy from infancy through the school-age years to complex language development over the lifespan.

Credits: 3 Hours: 3

Prerequisite(s): SPV 245 (LNG 245); SPV 246 (LNG 160); SPV 228; SPV 247 (LNG 247); a 2.7 average across the four pre-requisite courses; departmental permission.

Text: *Understanding Child Language Acquisition*, 1st Edition

Author: C.Rowland

ISBN-13: 978-0415827133

Course Objectives:

At the completion of this course, you:

1. will learn how speech, meaning and grammar develop at various stage in childhood
2. will become familiar in research methods and tools used in the field of language acquisition.
3. will be able to relate the facts, theories, and methods of language acquisition to real world concerns.

Letter Grade Distribution:

>= 93.00	A	73.00 - 76.99	C
90.00 - 92.99	A-	70.00 - 72.99	C-
87.00 - 89.99	B+	67.00 - 69.99	D+
83.00 - 86.99	B	63.00 - 66.99	D
80.00 - 82.99	B-	60.00 - 62.99	D-
77.00 - 79.99	C+	<= 59.99	F

Grade Distribution:

Attendance and Participation	10%
Midterm Exam	30%
Journal Article Review	15%
Group Presentation	15%
Final Exam	30%
Extra Credits	no more than 10%

Course Policies:

• Attendance and Participation

- Please attend classes on time and finish required readings before class.
- Missing more than 3 classes will result in grade deductions. If you must miss a class, please email me beforehand.

• Midterm and Final Exam

- Midterm and Final exam will be closed book, closed notes, in-class exams.
- Total score for midterm and final exam will be 100'. There will be 25 multiple choice questions, 2' each. Three short essay questions, 10' each. One long essay question, 20'.
- Make-up exam is only available to those who have reasonable excuses. If you have to miss the exam, please contact me **BEFORE** exam day.

• Journal Article Review and Group Presentation

- Each group consists of 4 people and the presentation should last around 30 minutes.
- The group presentation should review an article of your choice. Articles will be posted blackboard. Please choose one that interests you most.
- Presentation should cover the research question(s), background, methods, data, and conclusion.
- After the presentation, each student is required to submit a 3-page single spaced journal article review on the article they presented.

• Extra Credits

- Extra credits will be available in the form of homework and reading responses. Homework and reading responses are optional. Doing those will earn you extra credit.
- You can earn up to 10' from extra credits.

College Policies:**Attendance Policy:**

Student handbook notes that Students are expected to attend all class meetings as scheduled, and are responsible for all class work missed as a result of late registration or absence. Excessive absences in any course may result in a lower final grade.

Accommodating Disabilities:

Lehman College is committed to providing access to all programs and curricula to all students. Students with disabilities who may require any special considerations should register with the Office of Student Disability Services in order to submit official paperwork to instructor.

For more information, please contact the Office of Student Disability Services, Shuster Hall, Room 238, 718-960-8441. For detailed information on services and resources visit: <http://www.lehman.edu/student-disability-services/>, or email: disability.services@lehman.cuny.edu.

Integrity and Plagiarism Policy:

Academic dishonesty is prohibited in The City University of New York. Penalties for academic dishonesty include academic sanctions, such as failing or otherwise reduced grades, and/or disciplinary sanctions, including suspension or expulsion. All violations are reported to the Department and Lehman Colleges Academic Integrity Officer.

For detailed information on definitions and examples of Academic Dishonesty, including Cheating, Plagiarism, Obtaining Unfair Advantage and Falsification of Records and Documents, please refer to the student handbook or visit: <http://lehman.smartcatalogiq.com/en/2017-2019/Undergraduate-Bulletin/Academic-Services-and-Policies/Academic-Integrity>

Technology and Blackboard Information:

You are required to use Blackboard to access course materials and to post assignments to Safe Assign.

You are required to sign into your Lehman student email account for course messages and check it! Blackboard will only allow me to send individual and mass messages to Lehman accounts. If there is an issue, this is the only account to which I can send and if I email the class something, the fact that you didn't know about an assignment or course change because you don't use your Lehman account will never be accepted for not knowing the information. <http://www.lehman.edu/itr/blackboard.php> For Information Technology: <http://www.lehman.edu/itr/>

Instructional Support Services (ISSP): Lehman Colleges Instructional Support Services Program (ISSP) is home of the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) and Science Learning Center (SLC). Both offer students an array of activities and services designed to support classroom learning. Open to students at any level, there are individual, small group, and/or workshop sessions designed to improve proficiency in writing, reading, research, and particular academic subject areas. Computer-assisted writing/language tutorial programs are also available, as well as individual tutors, workshops and tutors. To obtain more information about the ACE and the SLC, please visit Old Gym, Room 205 or <http://www.lehman.edu/academics/instructional-support-services/humanities->

tutoring.php or call ACE at 718-960-8175, and SLC at 718-960-7707. Regular tutoring hours for fall spring semesters are: MT 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Library Tutors are also available in the Library. These tutors offer help with Library resources and computers.

Writing-Intensive Course Requirements: Lehman Students must complete four writing-intensive courses. In a WI Course, students should be expected to write approximately 15-20 pages of proofread, typed work that is turned in to the instructor for grading. Various courses stipulate various requirements designed to meet this requisite over the course of the semester. WI courses focus on revision, short long assignments, graded and ungraded writing, journals, etc, and each will have a class-size limit of twenty-two. Under no circumstances will more than twenty-five students be admitted to any writing-intensive section. For more information, see: <http://www.lehman.edu/academics/general-education/writing-faqs.php>

Student Handbook: Students are strongly encouraged to download and become familiar with the Student Handbook: <http://www.lehman.edu/campus-life/support-services.php>

Tentative Class Schedule

Week	Date	Topic	Readings	Due
Week 1	8/27	Introduction	Chapter 1	
	8/29	Methods	Readings will be posted	
Week 2	9/3	No class		
	9/5	Speech 1	Chapter 2.1 - 2.2	
Week 3	9/10	No class		
	9/12	Speech 2	Chapter 2.3	
Week 4	9/17	Speech 3	Chapter 2.4	
	9/19	No class		
Week 5	9/24	Words 1	Chapter 3.1-3.3	
	9/26	Words 2	Chapter 3.4	
Week 6	10/1	Words 3	Chapter 3.5	
	10/3	Words 4	Chapter 3.6	
Week 7	10/8	No class		Group presentation signup due
	10/10	In-class midterm	In-class Midterm	
Week 8	10/15	Syntax 1	Chapter 4.1 - 4.2	
	10/17	Syntax 2	Chapter 4.3	
Week 9	10/22	Syntax 3	Chapter 4.4	
	10/24	Morphology 1	Chapter 5.1-5.3	
Week 10	10/29	Morphology 2	Chapter 5.4 - 5.5	
	10/31	Morphology 3	Chapter 5.6 - 5.7	
Week 11	11/5	Communication 1	Chapter 6.1 - 6.2	Group 1
	11/7	Communication 2	Chapter 6.3	Group 2
Week 12	11/12	Communication 3	Chapter 6.4	Group 3
	11/14	Multilingual 1	Chapter 7.1 - 7.2	Group 4
Week 13	11/19	Multilingual 2	Chapter 7.3	Group 5
	11/21	No class		

Week 14	11/26	Multilingual 3	Chapter 7.4	Group 6
	11/28	Individual Variation	Chapter 8.1 - 8.2	Group 7
Week 15	12/3	"Language Gift"	Chapter 8.3	Group 8
	12/5	Language Impairment	Chapter 8.4	Group 9
Week 16	12/10	Cognitive Impairment	Additional Readings will be posted	
	12/12	Final Exam		Journal Article