EDST5150

Teacher Language Awareness

Term 1, 2022
Course Overview

Staff Contact Details

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Course Details

Units of Credit 6

Workload

150 hours including class contact hours, readings, class preparation, assessment, follow up activities, etc.

Summary of the Course

In this course, you will update and deepen your skills as a language and literacy teacher in the following areas: the nature of language as a phenomenon; language form, meaning and use; language analysis at sentence and supra-sentential levels, oracy and literacy and differences and similarities between spoken and written forms of language; first and second language acquisition and implications for teaching; an overview of the structural grammar of English, focusing on the verb phrase (tense and aspect), modality, and cohesion; scholarship of teacher language awareness.

You will be introduced to these ideas through a variety of texts and activity types and referring to a range of recent and seminal scholarly and practitioner voices within the literature in this area.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Identify, describe and critique the principles and issues impacting first and second language learning and implications for teaching.
2. Explain the nature of spoken and written language.
3. Analyse and discuss structural considerations in the English language.
4. Evaluate and critique contemporary research on teacher language awareness.

Australian Professional Standards for Teachers

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Teaching Strategies

Teaching strategies

Students learn best when they are engaged and given an appropriate level of challenge; when their prior experience and knowledge is valued and built upon; when they are expected to take responsibility for their own learning; and when they work collaboratively with their peers. Thus, teaching strategies used during the course will include:

- Weekly face to face contact sessions
- Small group cooperative learning to address teaching learning goals;
- Structures occasions for students to reflect critically on and improve teaching practice;
- Plenary discussions around core issues and debates;
- Extensive opportunities for whole group and small group dialogue and discussion. allowing students the opportunity to demonstrate their capacity to communicate and liaise with the diverse members of an education community, and to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of content;
- Online learning from required and recommended readings

These activities will occur in a classroom climate that is supporting and inclusive of all learners.

Rationale

The content of the course provides an overview of the major research and practical issues relevant to teacher language awareness. This course introduces students to the issues and topics listed above for the purposes of second language teaching in a variety of settings. The teaching approach will actively engage students as they discuss these issues and apply them to teaching contexts with which they are familiar.
Assessment

Please use APA when formatting citations and references.

https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/apa


Sample assignments will be posted in the moodle.

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Assessment 1: Literature review

Due date: 18/03/2022 05:00 PM

Conduct and document an in-depth review of the literature on the nature of learner language and second language acquisition.

2500 words.

Students will receive feedback within 10 business days of submission.

This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and students can see Turnitin similarity reports.

Additional details

This assignment asks you to write a concise, informed and critical literature review in which you will develop your analytical and research skills as well as a much deeper understanding of a particular aspect of the nature of learner language and second language acquisition than is possible in class. The review consists of a concise, informed and critical report of the results, based on existing SLA research, of your investigation into a particular issue or question in second language learning which affects the education of students for whom English is a second or additional language. Examples of potential issues include:

- What is the best age for schooling in English language to commence for students learning in and through English as a second or additional language?
- Is interaction with ‘native’ speakers necessary for effective English language learning?
- How much focus on form is necessary for effective English language learning?
- To what extent is peer interaction/ groupwork necessary for second language acquisition?
- How can we improve student motivation for English language learning?
- How do we use language learners’ linguistic resources (e.g. code-switching or translanguaging) in language teaching?
- How can a teacher adjust his or her feedback to enhance English language learning?
• What are the most effective language learning strategies for students in schools?
• What are the main social and cultural factors which facilitate or inhibit the learning of English?
• Other topics (subject to approval from the course lecturer)

The critical literature review should be divided into three sections:

• Section 1: an introduction which describes the specific problem, outlines its importance, defines its key terms, and explains why it is an issue in your educational context and internationally (300 words)
• Section 2: a succinct, informed and critical review of the relevant SLA literature relating to this problem (1800 words)
• Section 3: a conclusion which clearly indicates your view as to the current state of knowledge about this aspect of the topic and the implications for your educational context (200 words).

A list of all references cited should then be included at the end in alphabetical order and presented according to APA style. Please note that your work is not meant to be an original piece of research but rather a synthesis and evaluation of existing research.

This assignment is submitted through Turnitin and you can see Turnitin similarity reports before finalizing it for submission and assessment.

Assessment 2: Case study of an English language learner

Due date: 29/04/2022 05:00 PM

Identify an English language learner, and conduct a close, critical analysis of her/his spoken and written language use, documenting the results.

3500 words.

Students will receive written within 10 business days of submission.

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Additional details

This assignment is:

• a case study designed to consolidate and extend your understanding of variability in second language development through a close, critical analysis of the language learner’s learning experience, or
• it can be also a case study designed to consolidate and extend your understanding of the different features of the language system and of the language learning process through a close, critical analysis of the spoken and written language use of one particular learner.

The case study requires you to undertake a close examination of the learner’s learning experiences or language development so that you may appreciate language learning from the learner’s perspective and identify possible ways to support the learner. In other words, this task will also assist you in developing your diagnostic skills and help you to identify teaching priorities at a more practical level.

The learner you study may be a child or adult for whom English is an additional language or dialect. If
you happen to be an in-service teacher, I do encourage you to focus on a language learner’s language development.

This assignment may include the following parts (apart from the introduction and conclusion):

- **Part 1: Collection of data.** Describe how you collected data with regard the learner’s learning experience or language use. In case of language use data, provide information on how you transcribe the data (written or spoken). (500 words)

- **Part 2: Analysis and results.** If you would like to focus on the learner’s learning experience, present how you interpret the learner’s experience. You can think about the learner’s motivation (why she/he learns), strategy use (how she/he learns), beliefs (what she/he believes in learning language), background (age, gender, linguistic and cultural resources she/he has), contexts (e.g., social, and cultural contexts) and so on.

In the case of language use data, you may undertake the following analyses:

- discourse analysis
- lexical analysis
- Syntactic analysis
- phonological analysis, and/or
- Orthographic analysis.

Please do not focus on everything but focus on what really matters for the learner and you (as her/his language teacher). For instance, it is crucial for a secondary immigrant learner to learn to develop discipline-specific literacy skills. You may need to look at the learner’s writing and see she/he demonstrates a good understanding of genre (discourse analysis) or has a good knowledge of discipline-specific vocabulary (lexical analysis). In contrast, it is important for you to undertake some phonological analysis if your case study learner is a young language learner, who needs to learn to decode and produce a particular sound or stretch of sounds appropriately. In short, when presenting the results, it is important to highlight issues that have implications for teaching (e.g., learners’ stylistic issues in writing that cause misunderstandings. Or their failure to respond to a particular language learning demand effectively). (1500-2000 words)

- **Part 3: Present implications for teaching.** How can you as a language teacher address the identified issues in the learner’s language learning and use? (up to 1000 words)

Additional information (sample assignments) will be provided.

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Assessment Task 1: Literature review

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**School of Education Attendance Requirement**

The School of Education (SED) requires students meet a minimum attendance requirement of 80% of all scheduled classes (i.e., lectures, tutorials, workshops, seminars) for all courses. Attendance in person is required for tutorials, seminars, and workshops when courses are delivered in face-to-face mode. It is the responsibility of students to ensure that their attendance is recorded for the face to face either by electronic means or via an attendance register. Attendance in online or blended mode will be assessed through digital. Further information can be found [here](#).

**Course Schedule**

*View class timetable*

**Timetable**

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|                    |       | Language vs literacy. The first vs second/bilingual language learner. The language learning task. The nature of language. Phonological, lexical, syntactic and discourse systems. | Minimum required reading
|                    |       | Due to Covid, weekly lectures will be delivered asynchronously online (consisting of online interactive activities and short lecture recordings). Face to face tutorials will happen biweekly (course participants may participate onsite and/or online) |
| Tutorial Meeting 1 (0500-0630 pm, Feb. 16th, Wed.) |       | **The nature of spoken and written language** |
| Week 3: 28 February - 4 March | Topic | The nature of first and second language development  
First and second language acquisition.  
Acquisition vs learning.  
Different theoretical views of development (language learning).  
Stages in acquisition.  
The acquisition of spoken and written languages.  
Factors affecting first and second language acquisition.  
Implications for teaching.  
Minimum required reading  
Ellis (2015), Chpt 1; Emmitt, M., Zbaracki, M., Komesaroff, L. and Pollock, J. (2014), Chpts 9, 10  

*Tutorial Meeting 2 (0500-0630 pm, March 2, Wed.)* |
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| Week 4: 7 March - 11 March | Topic | The reasons for variability in second language development  
The child vs adult learner: Different priorities, different processes.  
Factors affecting acquisition/learning.  
Gender differences.  
Personality, aptitude, motivation, learning styles and strategies.  
The role of the L1/dialectal factors.  
Input and interaction as influences on language acquisition.  
Minimum required reading  
Ellis (2015) Chpt 3; Lightbown & Spada (2013), Chpts 3, 4;  
Emmitt, M., Zbaracki, M., Komesaroff, L. and Pollock, J. (2014), Chpt 10 (part) |
| Week 5: 14 March - 18 March | Assessment | Reflecting and sharing on factors affecting second language acquisition  
Assignment consultation week. Online meeting (0500-0630pm March 16th)  
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Emmitt, M., Zbaracki, M., Komesaroff, L. and Pollock, J. (2014), Chpts 5

**Additional readings**


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Resources

Prescribed Resources


Recommended Resources

Additional Books


Additional readings

attainment. *Language Teaching, 44*(1), 1-35. doi:10.1017/S0261444810000327


Additional resources:

https://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/

https://www.ref-n-write.com/trial/academic-phrasebank/

https://www.awelu.lu.se/language/focus-on-vocabulary/useful-words-and-phrases/

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html

https://aut.ac.nz.libguides.com/APA7th

**Course Evaluation and Development**

The importance of doing a case study on language learners' language learning and language development is made more explicit

Course participants are encouraged to make assignments more relevant to their professional interests

More supports will be provided to help course participants to work on their assignments
Submission of Assessment Tasks

Turnitin Submission

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Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement.

UNSW groups plagiarism into the following categories:

Copying: Using the same or very similar words to the original text or idea without acknowledging the source or using quotation marks. This includes copying materials, ideas or concepts from a book, article, report or other written document, presentation, composition, artwork, design, drawing, circuitry, computer program or software, website, internet, other electronic resource, or another person’s assignment without appropriate acknowledgement.

Inappropriate paraphrasing: Changing a few words and phrases while mostly retaining the original information, structure and/or progression of ideas of the original without acknowledgement. This also applies in presentations where someone paraphrases another’s ideas or words without credit and to piecing together quotes and paraphrases into a new whole, without appropriate referencing.

Collusion: Working with others but passing off the work as a person’s individual work. Collusion also includes providing your work to another student for the purpose of them plagiarising, paying another person to perform an academic task, stealing or acquiring another person’s academic work and copying it, offering to complete another person’s work or seeking payment for completing academic work.

Inappropriate citation: Citing sources which have not been read, without acknowledging the "secondary" source from which knowledge of them has been obtained.

Duplication ("self-plagiarism"): Submitting your own work, in whole or in part, where it has previously been prepared or submitted for another assessment or course at UNSW or another university.

Correct referencing practices

The UNSW Academic Skills support offers resources and individual consultations. Students are also reminded that careful time management is an important part of study. One of the identified causes of plagiarism is poor time management. Students should allow sufficient time for research, drafting and proper referencing of sources in preparing all assessment items.

UNSW Library has the ELISE tool available to assist you with your study at UNSW. ELISE is designed to introduce new students to studying at UNSW but it can also be a great refresher during your study. Completing the ELISE tutorial and quiz will enable you to:

- analyse topics, plan responses and organise research for academic writing and other assessment tasks
- effectively and efficiently find appropriate information sources and evaluate relevance to your needs
- use and manage information effectively to accomplish a specific purpose
- better manage your time
- understand your rights and responsibilities as a student at UNSW
- be aware of plagiarism, copyright, UNSW Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use of UNSW ICT Resources Policy
- be aware of the standards of behaviour expected of everyone in the UNSW community
- locate services and information about UNSW and UNSW Library
Academic Information

Due to evolving advice by NSW Health, students must check for updated information regarding online learning for all Arts, Design and Architecture courses this term (via Moodle or course information provided.)

For essential student information relating to:

- requests for extension;
- late submissions guidelines;
- review of marks;
- UNSW Health and Safety policies;
- examination procedures;
- special consideration in the event of illness or misadventure;
- student equity and disability;
- and other essential academic information, see

https://www.unsw.edu.au/arts-design-architecture/student-life/resources-support/protocols-guidelines

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