

Winter Term 2005

Psychology 320 (Section 01)

Language Development

- Instructor:** Dr. Jerry Anglin (Room 4019, Psychology Building)
- Teaching Assistants:** John DeLazzari, Agnieszka Polanowski
- Meeting Times:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30 – 3:50 p.m.
- Place:** AL 208
- Purpose of Course:** To examine language development in humans from birth to adulthood. How basic linguistic skills (e.g., phonology, semantics, and grammar) and important communicative and pragmatic functions of language (e.g., conversation, narration, and persuasion) are acquired will be addressed. The importance of language development for acquiring social, cognitive, and literacy skills will also be considered.
- Course Requirements:** There will be 3 term exams (see course outline). Questions for the exams will be taken from both the readings and the lectures. There will also be one essay assignment. By March 1 or earlier you will be given the assignment and you will be asked to write an essay of not more than ten pages pertinent to language development and this course. Your essay will be due not later than the last day of classes, April 5, 2004, and early submissions will be welcome.
- Book for the Course:** (available at the bookstore and on reserve at the ARTS LIBRARY)
- Berko Gleason, J. (2005). The Development of Language (6th edition). Toronto: Pearson Education, Inc.

(See reverse side of this handout for Course Outline and Reading Assignments.)

Course Outline and Reading Assignments for Psychology 320 (taught by J. M. Anglin)

Part 1. Jan. 4 – Jan. 31

Reading Assignment: Berko Gleason, J. (2005): Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 4.

Topics to be considered in this part of the course include: Introduction and Important Linguistic Concepts; Preparation for Language Development and Communication in Infancy; Early Language Development; Motherese; the “Starting Language”; Phonological Development; Early Word Learning; Semantic Development.

TERM EXAM 1: TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1

Part 2. Feb. 2 – March 7

Reading Assignment: Berko Gleason, J. (2005): Chapters 5, 6, and 7.

Topics to be considered in this part of the course include: Language Development during the Preschool Years; Learning Sentence Construction Skills; Morphological Development; Acquiring Communicative Competence; Pragmatic Development and Learning Conversation Skills; The Development of Displaced Language; Theoretical Approaches to Language Acquisition.

Please Note: Feb. 21 – Feb. 25 is READING WEEK and therefore there will be no classes that week.

TERM EXAM 2: TUESDAY MARCH 8

Part 3. March 9 - April 4

Reading Assignment: Berko Gleason, J. (2005): Chapters 8, 9, 10, and 11.

Topics to be considered in this part of the course include: Later Language Development; Language Development in the School Years; Language Acquisition and Literacy; Learning to Read and Write; Individual Differences and Language Disabilities; Language and Thought; Language Development in Adulthood; Conclusions about Language Development.

TERM EXAM 3: TUESDAY APRIL 5

ESSAY FOR COURSE DUE BY TUESDAY APRIL 5 OR EARLIER.