DEREE COLLEGE SYLLABU	US FOR: Instruction hours/lab hours/ US credits 3/0/3
EN 4559 PSYCHOLINGUISTI (Updated Spring 2016) Previously: EN 3559 PSYCHOL	UK CREDITS: 15
PREREQUISITES:	WP 1010 Introduction to Academic Writing WP 1111 Integrated Academic Writing and Ethics WP1212 Academic Writing and Research EN 2216 Introduction to Language EN 3373 Approaches to Language Studies (Although not required, it is recommended that students have also completed PS 1000 Psychology as a Natural Science)
CATALOG DESCRIPTION:	Comprehensive analysis of the mental processes involved in language acquisition and language use; examination of language in relation to thought, culture and the brain.
RATIONALE:	This course examines the structure, comprehension and production mechanisms involved in first and second language acquisition. It is essential for students planning to pursue graduate studies in Speech Therapy, and for those interested in (foreign) language teaching.
LEARNING OUTCOMES:	Upon successful completion of this course, the student should be able to: 1. Explain the major processes involved in language acquisition; 2. Reflect on the relationship of language to thought and the brain; 3. Identify psychological factors that affect second-language learning in children and adults; 4. Demonstrate knowledge of basic sub-fields of psycholinguistics, including: human versus animal communication, the biological bases of language, speech perception and production, sentence processing, bilingualism and its types and effects on language and intelligence; 5. Demonstrate competence in retrieving and critically evaluating relevant information from a variety of sources, proposing, and planning independent research with minimum guidance; 6. Present and execute a research study on a specific question based on knowledge of issues introduced in the course.
METHOD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING:	 In congruence with the teaching and learning strategy of the college, the following tools are used: Lectures, class discussions, workshop-style pair work and group work during class meetings; Formative exercises and online learning tasks through the Blackboard online tools designed to help students acquire confidence and benefit from independent study; Additional print and audiovisual educational material posted on the Blackboard course template; Timely instructor feedback on assignments; Other relevant educational material placed on reserve in the library;

•	Individualized	assistance	during	office	hours	for	further
	discussion of le	ecture mater	ial, addi	tional re	eading,	assig	nments
	and examinatio	ns:					

• Close collaboration with the Library and SASS to encourage students' effective use of academic support services

ASSESSMENT:

Summative:

1. Portfolio	10%
Annotated Bibliography of 12+ proposed	
sources including a full description and	
reflection of the research paper process	
2. Extended essay or project	40%
A written, 2000-3000 research project with a	
minimum of 12 sources on a pre-approved	
topic relating to psycholinguistics.	
3. Final Examination	50%
A comprehensive examination testing all	
aspects of the module content, through	
essay-type and problem solving questions.	

Formative:

In-class and out-of-class assignments: data collection and analysis; problem-solving strategies; discussion of field-related articles; Research paper rough drafts,	0
Mock exam	0

The formative coursework prepares students for successful completion of the summative coursework.

The comprehensive final examination tests learning outcomes 1-4. The essay/project tests learning outcomes 6 & 1-4, depending on choice of topic.

INDICATIVE READING:

REQUIRED READING:

Steinberg, Danny and Natalia Sciarini. (2006). *An Introduction to Psycholinguistics*. London: Pearson Longman.

RECOMMENDED READING:

Aitchison, Jean (2003). A Glossary of language and Mind: An Introduction to the Mental Lexicon. Oxford: Blackwell

Aitchison, Jean.(2008). The Articulate Mammal: An Introduction to Psycholinguistics. London: Routledge

Altmann, T. Gerry. (1999). The Ascent of Babel: An Exploration of Language, Mind, and Understanding. Oxford: Oxford University Press

Berko, J, & Berstein Ratner.N (Eds). (1998). Psycholinguistics (2nd ed.) Fort Worth, Texas: Harcourt, Brace

Carroll, David W. (2008). Psychology of Language (5th ed.). Pacific Grove, CA: Brooks/Cole Company

3. Language acquisition 4. Grammar and Psycholinguistics 5. Language and the Brain 6 Language processing 7. Language Thought and Culture 8. Bilingualism 9. Psycholinguistics and Second-Language Acquisition	
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