



Language learning

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Welcome!

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- Course type „Methods and Applications”

Course aims and organization

Course aims:

- understanding better how languages are learnt
- knowing and evaluating different methods and approaches to language learning
- analyzing and evaluating media and material used in language learning

Course organization:

- first half: background knowledge, taught through lecture, reading and exercises in class; ends with a little test (17.04.)
- second half: presentation and analysis of selected media/materials

Requirements and assessment

- Regular active participation in classes: 10%
- Written test: 40%
- Individual analysis of learning material or tool: 50%
 - Presentation in class
 - Written report

Why a class on language learning?

- We all are and will be language learners.
- Many people worldwide are learning languages
=> huge market => jobs.
- Language learning is influenced by and influences current theories and practices in linguistics, psychology, education...

Perspectives on language learning

Language learning and ...

- ... language teaching
- ... language acquisition
- ... learners
- ... learning in general
- ... language

Language learning and language teaching

- What is the role of the teacher in the process of language learning? How can languages be taught?
- Do learners learn what they are taught?

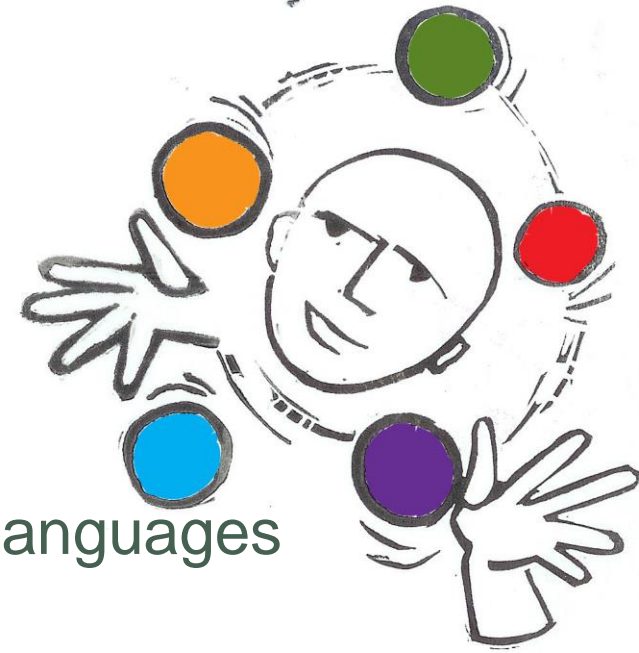


Language learning and language acquisition

- What is the difference and what are relations between learning and acquisition?
- What are differences between first and second language acquisition?
- Can adults acquire languages in the same way as small children?



Learners as active individuals



- What influences the way people learn languages and how successful they are?
- Why are some people better in learning languages?
- What can we do to be more effective in language learning?

Watch a TED talk by a passionate language learner:

- <https://www.fluentin3months.com/start-here/>

Language learning and language

- What does it mean to learn “a language”?
- How is language organized?
- How does our ideas about the nature of language influence our language learning (and teaching)?

How has language learning changed in the past ... years? What are current trends?

- Classroom learning / teaching
- Content and language integrated learning (CLIL)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3x2KsnN6ko>
- Web-based language learning
- Mobile applications
- Social media
- „Seamless” language learning
- Speech technology and corpus linguistics