

Title and Code of Course: Applied Linguistics
ERPB- BAN 3172

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Credit Point Value: 6	Number of Lessons per Week: 2 (1x2)	Type of Course: Seminar ☒ Lecture ☐	Method of Evaluation: Oral Examination ☐ In-Class Presentation ☐ Other ☒
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Course Description:

“How does Duolingo work? What is adaptive testing? What can we learn from the machine learning literature about vocabulary teaching? What is spaced repetition and the forgetting curve? How do bilinguals store words in their brain? How does interaction help learning a language?” These are some of the questions of the course.

The aim of the seminar is to familiarize students with

- the various fields of applied linguistics and their relevance to language teaching
- the most significant applied linguistic theories
- and to connect these theories to practice.

Main themes:

- Topic 1 L2 vocabulary and grammar from psycholinguistic, neurolinguistic, corpus linguistic, sociolinguistic angles
- Topic 2 SLA theories and their teaching consequences, Bilingualism, multilingualism, bilingual schools
- Topic 3 Assessment, testing, competence, performance
- Topic 4 Individual differences in language learning (motivation, aptitude, strategies, beliefs, etc.)
- Topic 5 New and relevant issues in applied linguistics (machine learning, artificial intelligence, etc.)

Requirements: weekly attendance (3 absences are allowed altogether);

Researched mini projects and presentations, reading comprehension questions.

Active participation comprises the following: coming to class on time fully prepared, equipped with the necessary materials; using class time effectively.

Bibliography:

Ellis, R. (2015). *Understanding second language acquisition 2nd ed.* OUP.

Loewen, S. & Plonsky, L. (2015). *An A–Z of applied linguistics research methods.* London: MacMillan International Higher Education.

Paltridge, B., & Phakiti, A. (Eds.). (2015). *Research methods in applied linguistics: A practical resource.* Bloomsbury Publishing.

Handbooks, encyclopedias, research articles from the reading list.