

University of Kurdistan

Department of English and Linguistics

Course: Psycholinguistics

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A Tentative Syllabus

Course Objectives: The overall goal for the class is for the student

1. To gain an understanding of and become familiar with the scope of psycholinguistics along with a short history of the field.
2. To develop a basic knowledge of some major concepts such as perception, the lexicon, sentence processing, and discourse processing.
3. To explore the relationship between language, thought and culture.

COURSE SCHEDULE:

Session	Topics	Readings
1	Introduction to the Course	
2	Introduction: Themes of Psycholinguistics	Carroll (2007)
3	Linguistic Principles	Carroll (2007)
4	Psychological Mechanisms	Carroll (2007)
5	Perception of Language	Carroll (2007)
6	The Internal Lexicon	Carroll (2007)
7	Sentence Comprehension and Memory	Carroll (2007)
8	Discourse Comprehension and Memory	Carroll (2007)
9	Presentations	Proposals due
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11	Production of Speech and Language	Carroll (2007)
12	Conversational Interaction	Carroll (2007)
13	Early Language Acquisition	Carroll (2007)
14	Later Language Acquisition	Carroll (2007)
15	Processes of Language Acquisition	Carroll (2007)

16	Biological Foundations of Language	Carroll (2007)
17	Language, Culture, and Cognition	Carroll (2007)

Evaluation:

10%	Class participation (includes preparation for class based on readings)
15%	Article presentation
10%	Research proposal
25%	Term paper
5%	Presentation on final paper topic
35%	Final Exam

References:

1. Carroll, D. (2007). *Psychology of language*. Nelson Education.
2. Field, J. (2003). *Psycholinguistics*. London and New York: Routledge.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES:

Aitchison, Jean (1998, 4th ed.) *The Articulate Mammal: An Introduction to Psycholinguistics* London and New York: Routledge

Aitchison, Jean (2003) *Words in the Mind: An Introduction to the Mental Lexicon*, Oxford: Blackwell

Anderson, Stephen and David Lightfoot (2002) *The Language Organ: Linguistics as Cognitive Physiology*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (selected chapters)

Burling, Robbins (2005) *The Talking Ape: How language evolved*, Oxford: Oxford University Press

Field, John (2005) *Language and the Mind*, London and New York: Routledge

Pinker, Steven (2007) *The Stuff of Thought: Language as a Window into Human Nature*, New York: Viking