COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Explores the range of theories that are used within applied linguistics, including issues of theory evaluation and application. In the class we will examine various theories to explain the acquisition of second/foreign languages. Objectives include a) examining the multiple factors that influence language acquisition and understanding the main phenomena common to most learners of a second language; b) examining in depth various theories that have been offered to explain the complex processes involved in learning an additional language; c) discussing the role of instruction in second language acquisition; and d) critically reading and evaluating research on second language acquisition.

REQUIRED TEXTS:
- Additional readings supplied by the instructor.

COURSE GRADING:
Participation, Preparation & Attendance 30%
Term Paper 30%
Exam 1 20%
Exam 2 20%

Students should familiarize themselves with the Department's Standards on Class Management and Student Responsibilities at http://www.sfu.ca/linguistics/undergraduate/standards.html.

Please note that a grade of “FD” may be assigned as a penalty for academic dishonesty.

All student requests for accommodations for their religious practices must be made in writing by the end of the first week of classes or no later than one week after a student adds a course.

Students requiring accommodations as a result of a disability must contact the Centre for Students with Disabilities (778-782-3112 or csdo@sfu.ca).