

## COURSE PROGRAM

**Academic Year: 2019/2020**

Identification and characteristics of the course						
Code	401444	ECTS Credits	6			
Course name (English)	Introduction to Second Language Acquisition					
Course name (Spanish)	Introducción a la adquisición de segundas lenguas					
Degree programs	Máster en Enseñanza Bilingüe para la Educación Primaria y Secundaria					
Faculty/School	Facultad de Educación					
Semester	1 <sup>st</sup>	Type of course	Compulsory			
Module	Bases teórico-prácticas de la Enseñanza Bilingüe					
Matter	Fundamentos de la Enseñanza Bilingüe					
Lecturer/s						
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Subject Area	English Philology					
Department	English Philology					
Coordinating Lecturer (If more than one)						
Competencies*						
<b>Competencias Generales y Básicas</b>						
CG1 - Entender y analizar los contextos de enseñanza bilingüe en centros de Educación Primaria y Secundaria						
CG4 - Conocer y aplicar técnicas de investigación e innovación docente en contextos de enseñanza bilingüe						
CB8 - Que los estudiantes sean capaces de integrar conocimientos y enfrentarse a la complejidad de formular juicios a partir de una información que, siendo incompleta o limitada, incluya reflexiones sobre las responsabilidades sociales y éticas vinculadas a la aplicación de sus conocimientos y juicios						
CB10 - Que los estudiantes posean las habilidades de aprendizaje que les permitan continuar estudiando de un modo que habrá de ser en gran medida autodirigido o autónomo.						
<b>Competencias Transversales</b>						
CT12 - Ser capaz de argumentar y justificar lógicamente las decisiones, sabiendo aceptar otros puntos de vista.						
CT7 - Encontrar, analizar, criticar, relacionar, estructurar y sintetizar información						

\* The sections concerning competencies, course outline, educational activities, teaching methodologies, learning outcomes and assessment systems must conform to that included in the ANECA verified document of the degree program.

proveniente de diversas fuentes, así como integrar ideas y conocimientos.

### **Competencias específicas**

CE1 - Conocer las bases teóricas de la Educación Bilingüe, los programas de Aprendizaje Integrado de Contenidos y Lenguas Extranjeras (AICLE) y saber establecer diferencias y similitudes entre los distintos enfoques para la Enseñanza Bilingüe.

## Contents

### **Course outline\***

Basic concepts in language acquisition. Linguistic competence. L2 acquisition: main theories. Factors determining acquisition. Features of a good L2 learner: aptitude, motivation, age, personality, cognitive style, learning strategies.

### **Course syllabus**

Name of lesson 1: **Basic concepts of second language acquisition (SLA)**

Contents of lesson 1:

1. Defining the field: what is the role of SLA?
2. Introducing the main concepts and the terminology
3. A short history of SLA
  1. Initial stages
  2. The psychological tradition
  3. Recent developments
4. Methodology in SLA studies

Description of the practical activities of lesson 1:

1. Introductory video and questions
2. Answering a questionnaire
3. Reading a text and answering questions
4. Analysing practical case
5. Elaboration of a glossary

Name of lesson 2: **Bilingualism**

Contents of lesson 2:

1. Defining multilingualism and multi-competence
2. Approaches to multilingualism
3. Classification of bilinguals
4. Processing models

Description of the practical activities of lesson 2:

1. Task on bilingualism
2. Forum on bilingual people
3. Presentation
4. Contributions to glossary

Name of lesson 3: **Learner language**

Contents of lesson 3:

1. Theoretical background: Interlanguage, Contrastive Analysis and Error Analysis
2. Language Transfer, interference and fossilization
3. Developmental sequences in learner language
  - 3.1. The acquisition of negation in English
  - 3.2. Question formation in English
  - 3.3. Other sequences
4. Exploring errors and Interlanguage

Description of the practical activities of lesson 3:

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To identify and use the main concepts and terms used in the description of second language acquisition processes																																																																								

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To understand and explain the main theories on Second Language Acquisition  
 To be able to analyse the methods and methodologies used in the teaching of foreign languages from the perspective of the findings in Second Language Acquisition  
 To realize and to reflect on the features of a good language learner in order to help learners to develop good language learning strategies

### Assessment systems \*

The evaluation system comprises three main elements:

1. Active participation in class and in the Online Campus, together with the oral presentation in class of one or more assignments (30%)
2. Online tasks carried out during the course to be delivered during the course at specific dates (20%)
3. Written exam (50%) on the content explained during the course, consisting of either a test and/or questions to be developed in written form to evaluate the knowledge and the know-how of students. It will be necessary to reach at least 40% of the maximum mark in this exam in order for the student to pass the subject.

Those students who opt for a global evaluation during the first three weeks of the term (see the regulations of the University of Extremadura on this) will sit an exam which will account for 100% of the final mark. The exam will consist in a written part, which will account for 60% of the mark, and an oral presentation, in which students will be asked about the syllabus explained in class (30%) and a task that will be presented through the Online Campus

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#### Other resources and complementary educational materials