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<b>CARRERA:</b>	BACHILLERATO Y LICENCIATURA EN ENSEÑANZA DEL INGLÉS
<b>CICLO:</b>	I -2015
<b>DOCUMENTO:</b>	PROGRAMA SEMESTRAL DE CURSO
<b>CURSO:</b>	IO-6020 ANÁLISIS. Y APLICACIÓN. DE LA TEORÍA. DE LA ADQUISICIÓN. Y APRENDIZAJE UNA SEGUNDAD. LENGUA
<b>CRÉDITOS:</b>	4
<b>HORAS:</b>	4
<b>REQUISITO:</b>	NO TIENE REQUISITIO
<b>CORREQUISITO:</b>	NO TIENE COREQUISITIO
<b>PROFESOR:</b>	JOSÉ MIGUEL VARGAS, M. Ed.
<b>HORAS</b>	Martes, 14.00-17.00; Jueves; 14.00-17.00; Viernes 14.00-16.00;
<b>ATENCIÓN EST.:</b>	Cubículo 12.

### I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to provide practicing teachers with the knowledge and skills to analyze several first and second language acquisition theories and their implications in English teaching in a Costa Rican context. Students will also enrich and relate these theories to evaluate resources to successfully carry out the teaching task in an EFL environment. The main issues to be discussed in the course are: comparison of first and second language acquisition theories, language organization and the brain, utilization of problem-solving strategies in first and second language acquisition, second language acquisition and classroom procedures.

### II. GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

1. To stimulate critical thinking of individuals with regard to different theories of second language learning that exist in the educational setting.
2. To promote coherent and systematic methods and techniques of learning a second language based on a sociocultural reality in an educational setting.
3. To foster the creativity of individuals through the study of theories of acquisition and second language learning and applying these theories to the reality in the medium in which they operate.
4. To promote research on second language acquisition and learning.

### III. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. To analyze theoretical reading material related to different theories of learning and acquiring a second language.
2. To assess the appropriateness of applying different theories of acquisition and second language learning to the educational environment today.
3. To analyze the consistency of methods and techniques used in the educational theory of learning and acquiring a second language.



4. To identify different environments, methods, techniques and other factors that negatively and positively influence the process of acquisition and second language learning, from a theoretical and a practical perspective.
5. To apply theoretical knowledge to analyze the process of teaching and learning in specific educational realities of the environment in which teachers operate.
6. To apply the theoretical models of acquisition and second language learning in an existing educational environment.
7. To discuss the results of the application of the theory studied in class.
8. To identify different sources of information and tools for the investigation of theory of acquisition and second language learning.
9. To identify different theories related to the field of psycholinguistics and the possible implications of such teaching.
10. To analyze the pedagogical implications of social and affective variables involved in the process of teaching and learning a foreign language.

#### **IV. CONTENT**

a) Introduction b) Learning a first language c) Foundations of L2 Acquisition d) Formal Approaches to SLA e) Looking at interlanguage processing f) Input, Interaction, and Output g) Instructed Second Language Learning h) Observing L2 Teaching i) Beyond the Domain of Language j) L2 learning and teaching K) an Integrated View of Second Language Acquisition

#### **V. METHODOLOGY**

The course will proceed mainly in workshop or seminar fashion. Reading assignments will form the basis of each class. Homework must be completed on time. Active participation, both in practice and in peer feedback, is expected during presentations, class discussions, and lectures. It will include the learner's own personal experiences as an important element of learning. The instructor will discuss theory, provide explanations, and serve as a model on each topic through the discussion of readings prepared in advance by the students. Students will be investigating and selecting resources based on their beliefs and understandings as well as the reality of their context and what is known about their students and the principles of language acquisition. Field work will be required for achieving a better understanding of the principles of language teaching in the national context.



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VI. EVALUATION:

Chapter Presentation (in groups)	20% (15% presentation; 5% discussion task)
2 Exams	40% (20% each)
Literature Review** (in groups of three)	20% (15% report; 5% presentation)
Class observation report	10%
Reflection questions on the readings	10%

(Note: Rubrics will be provided for each task. Grammar, vocabulary and mechanics (when applicable) will represent at least 20% of the grade)

**Chapter Presentation:** In pairs or groups of three, students will be responsible for summarizing a chapter and designing a PPP with the most important aspects in the chapter(s). Besides theory, the presentations should include an activity to demonstrate a key point in the chapter and to generate discussion. Active participation from students will be considered for the group's grade in this task.

**Exams:** There will be two exams including practical and theoretical issues discussed in the book and in class. Students are expected to support their answers effectively using these considerations.

**Literature review:** In groups of three, students will select a topic from a list previously provided by the instructor and develop a theoretical discussion on the subject. The discussion must include an abstract, a brief introduction, a research question, the literature review, a discussion of the relevance of the selected topic in the national context, and a set of list of recommendations for addressing the topic in EFL classes. The resulting report will be presented in class.

**Classroom observation report:** Students will receive a sheet with criteria for observing second language teaching. Students must observe at least three different days of teaching and submit a written and an oral report with the results. This task is to be completed individually.

**Reflection questions on the readings:** The instructor will assign a set of questions for discussion as part of the homework. The answers must be brought on the following day of classes and handed in at the beginning of the lesson. They must be printed, one-and-a-half spaced, arial 11, and not exceed a page long. Additional sources used to support the answers must be acknowledged in the document.



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## INFORMACION ADICIONAL

No habrá exámenes o trabajos de reposición sin una justificación válida (como por ejemplo: enfermedad -con dictámen médico- o muerte de un familiar). Se debe presentar la documentación pertinente en un lapso de 8 días después de la ausencia como estipula el Reglamento de Régimen Académico Estudiantil.

Todos los trabajos escritos deberán presentarse de forma impresa siguiendo con los lineamientos indicados previamente por el o la docente. Sin excepción toda asignación debe entregarse en la fecha indicada.

Si se detectaran muestras de plagio, aunque se dieran por desconocimiento, el trabajo tendrá una nota de 0, y el alumno enfrentará las sanciones de la Universidad de Costa Rica. Se entiende por plagio, la presentación de ideas de alguna otra persona como propias (en forma total o parcial), la omisión de citar las fuentes de las ideas no propias (aunque sean parafraseadas), y demás conductas que manifiesten deshonestidad intelectual.

Por favor noten que las normas universitarias clara y enfáticamente estipulan que los teléfonos celulares deben de ser apagados durante el tiempo lectivo. Según oficio ELM-CENV-984-2004, en relación con la Circular No.31-2000 suscrita por el entonces Vicerrector de Docencia, el hacer uso del celular en forma permanente en el tiempo destinado al desarrollo de las lecciones, NO es adecuado porque constituye un distractor en el proceso enseñanza – aprendizaje; en consecuencia, es PROHIBIDO que los (as) profesores (as) y los (as) estudiantes hagan uso del mismo en el aula durante el desarrollo de actividades académicas, excepto en situaciones de emergencia o de excepción, condicionado.

Se hará un examen de ampliación para aquellos estudiantes cuya nota final sea 6.0 o 6.5. Este examen se programará oportunamente y será de toda la materia estudiada en el curso. Si el estudiante aprueba este examen, su nota final será 7.0.

### VII. BIBLIOGRAFÍA OBLIGATORIA:

Gass, S. & Selinker, L. (2008). Second Language Acquisition An introductory Course 3rd Ed. New York: Routledge

### VIII. BIBLIOGRAFÍA COMPLEMENTARIA:

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Brown, H. Douglas. (2000). Principles of Language Learning and Teaching – 4TH Edition. New York: Addison Wesley Longman, Inc.

Ellis, Rod. (1994). Understanding Second Language Acquisition. U.S.A.: Oxford University Press.

Graves, Kathleen. (2000). Designing Language Courses. Boston: Heinle & Heinle Publishers.



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Krashen, S. & Terrel, T; (1983). The Natural Approach. U.S.A.: Pergamon Pres.

Manchur, Carolyn. (1996). Cognitive Type Theory & Learning Styles. U.S.A.: ASCD.

Nation, P. (2001). Learning Vocabulary in Another Language, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Richards, S. y Lockhart, C. (1995). Reflexing teaching in second language classrooms. New York; Cambridge University Press.

Shapiro, Lawrence E. (1997). La inteligencia emocional de los niños. Argentina: Javier Vergara Editor S.A.



### TENTATIVE CALENDAR

Date/Week	Assigned readings	Assessment
Week#1 March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Introduction to the course	
Week#2 March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Learning a first language- Lightbrown & Spada	
Week#3 March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Foundations of L2 Acquisition- Saville-Troike	
<b>Week#4 April 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Easter</b>	
Week#5 April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Formal Approaches to SLA -Gass, Behney, Plonsky	
Week#6 April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Looking at interlanguage processing -Gass, Behney, Plonsky	Hand in first draft of the lit review
<b>Week#7 April 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Semana U Review</b>	
<b>Week#8 May 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Labor day</b>	
Week#9 May 8 <sup>th</sup>		Midterm exam (20%)
Week#10 May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Input, Interaction, and Output -Gass, Behney, Plonsky	
Week#11 May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Acquiring Knowledge for L2 use Saville-Troike	
Week#12 May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Instructed Second Language Learning -Gass, Behney, Plonsky	
Week#13 June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Observing L2 teaching Lightbrown & Spada	
Week#14 June 12 <sup>th</sup>	L2 Learning and Teaching Saville-Troike	
Week#15 June 19 <sup>th</sup>		Classroom observation reports (10%)
Week#16 June 26 <sup>th</sup>		Final exam (20%)
Week#17 July 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Hand in Lit Review and presentations (20%)
Week#18 July 10 <sup>th</sup>		Grades
July 15 <sup>th</sup>		Ampliación