Description: Bilingualism and Bilingual Education

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RATIONALE
With the forces of globalisation and the internationalisation of education, there is a rapidly growing interest in bilingualism and bilingual education. More and more educational programs are introduced, where the school content is taught through a second or foreign language. Also, there is a trend to replace traditional methods of language teaching with language teachings methods used in bilingual programs and introduce a second language early in childhood years. Bilingualism is of increasing interest in the context of minorities as well. A large proportion of minority children in most countries of the world are required to study through a second language. These learners include migrants as well as indigenous people who do not have the opportunity to opt for education through their mother tongue. These trends create a need for investigating language development in a more holistic way, incorporating first and second language development as well as children’s cognitive and academic development. Language teachers who work in similar contexts need to develop an awareness of the relevant cognitive, educational, cultural and social processes involved in teaching learners through a second language. This course will benefit all language teachers who are dealing with majority students being educated in a foreign language or minority students being educated in the language of the dominant society. By focusing on the underlying psycholinguistic theories, the course will serve as a basis for undertaking further studies or embarking on research in the field of bilingualism.

SYNOPSIS
Teachers who are involved in language teaching, whether they are teaching first or second languages are generally not aware of the psycholinguistic, socio-psychological and educational issues involved in bilingualism. This course looks at bilingualism from these three main angles (1, psycholinguistic, 2, socio-psychological and 3, educational) and covers
the following topics: definitions and typologies of bilingualism, the measurement of bilingualism, the psycholinguistic aspects of bilingual language acquisition and language processing, code-switching, bilingualism and cognition, types of bilingual education. Relevant theories and implications are discussed both in the majority as well as in the ethnolinguistic minority contexts. This course has a strong psycholinguistic focus. Societal aspects of bilingualism are discussed in LIN8015, Introduction to Sociolinguistics, while the methodology of teaching in a bilingual (immersion) program is covered in LIN 8009.

OBJECTIVES

On successful completion of this course students will be able to:

1. use typologies of bilingualism to describe various bilingual contexts;
2. evaluate various techniques used for measuring bilinguality and bilingualism;
3. demonstrate an understanding of the relationship between first language development and second language development;
4. critically discuss the interrelationship between bilingualism, culture and identity;
5. demonstrate an understanding of the psychological and cognitive processes involved in bilingual language processing;
6. classify and evaluate different types of bilingual educational programs;
7. demonstrate an understanding of the linguistic, metalinguistic, cognitive, affective and social benefits of bilingualism for the individual as well as the social and socio-economic benefits for the society as a whole.

TOPICS

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4. Bilingual education

4.1. Definitions and typologies of bilingual education 10%
4.2. Factors conditioning bilingual education 10%
4.3. International models of bilingual education 10%
4.4. Evaluation of bilingual educational programs 10%

**TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:**

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).


**REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.


**STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS:**

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ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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NOTES:
1. Students need to submit journal OR discussion board entries with each assignment. 2 X 500 Words.

IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1. Attendance requirements:
   There are no attendance requirements for this course. However, it is the students' responsibility to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.

2. Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at least 50% of the marks available (or at least a grade of C-).

3. Penalties for late submission of required work:
   A penalty may be applied if an arrangement for an assignment extension has not been negotiated before the due date.

4. Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must achieve at least 50% of the available weighted marks for the summative assessment items.

5. Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
   The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

6. Examination information:
   N/A

7. Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
   N/A

8. University Regulations:
   Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10 Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm or in the printed version of the current USQ Handbook.
ASSESSMENT NOTES

1 The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner.

2 Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within five days if required by the Examiner.

3 The examiner may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances.

4 The Faculty will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media.

5 Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should contact the examiner of the course to negotiate such special arrangements.

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7 Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in a course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of a course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete - Make up). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non directed personal study.

8 Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or to sit for an examination at the scheduled time may apply to defer an assessment in a course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination; IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1 Over the two assignments and the journal/discussion board entries students will be expected to achieve at least half the marks.

2 Students must submit all assignments and the journal/discussion board entries.