

**SPHS 3035 Normal Speech and Language Development  
Fall 2016**

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**Course Number:** SPHS 3035.001

**Class Time:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

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**Course description**

This course will provide an overview of language development. The course is designed to teach the concepts and theories regarding normal language development and how language is learned, refined, and utilized throughout the different ages and stages of life.

**Learner Outcomes:**

At the conclusion of the course, the student should be able to:

1. Explain the terms communication, language, and speech and discuss the relationship among these.
2. Understand the unique communication system that is human language.
3. Discuss current theories of language development.
4. Investigate the relationship between cognition and language, including the perceptual bases of early cognitive and language development.
5. Describe normal language development from birth through preschool years.
6. Discuss the acquisition of phonology, semantics, morphology, syntax, and pragmatics in emerging communication.
7. Construct an understanding of the development of language in the early school age and adolescent child including changes in the five areas of language as well as understanding the important interaction between the child's communication and their academic experience.

**Required Textbook:**

Owens, R. E. (2012). *Language Development: An Introduction* (8<sup>th</sup> ed.). Boston: Allyn and Bacon.

- Students are expected to read the reading assignment prior to coming to the class.
- An outline for each chapter will be posted on Blackboard/Learn. Students are expected to bring a copy of the outline for each chapter.

## Grading

Your grade is determined by the total number of points you have earned during the semester divided by the total number of possible points. Course grades will be based on the cumulative points from:

A = 387-430 points (90.0-100%)

B = 344-386 points (80.0-89.9%)

C = 301-343 points (70.0-79.9%)

D = 258-300 points (60.0-69.9%)

F = below 257 points (< 59.9%)

- There will be NO rounding.
- There will be NO extra points.
- There will be NO extra credit opportunities.
- Your grade-to-date will be posted on Blackboard/Learn.
- Your assignments and exams will be graded within two weeks after the due date or the day of the exam. If you see that your grade is not posted on Blackboard/Learn, the assignment or exam has not been graded.

Homework (10 points each, 50 points total) - Due dates will be announced in class.

There will be five homework assignments. Satisfactory performance on each homework assignment will be worth up to 10 points. Points may be deducted if you do not complete the assignment. The due date for each homework assignment will be announced in class and Blackboard/Learn.

Exams (210 points total)

- Dates will be announced in class.

Exam I – 100 points

Exam II – 110 points

Final exam (120 points) - The final exam will be *cumulative*.

Language sample project (50 points total) – Due dates will be announced in class.

- a. Transcription (20 points)

Students are required to obtain an audio language sample from a child between 2 and 5 years of age (minimum 50 utterances from the child). Students will write down word-for-word what each person says in the conversation (transcription).

- b. Analysis (30 points)

Students will analyze their language sample. The summary of analysis should NOT be more than **2 pages**.

**Electronic communication devices:** All cell phones and other electronic communication devices are not to be used during class time and should remain “out-of-sight” during class time. Please demonstrate your respect by not texting, checking messages, etc. during class time.

### **Academic integrity**

Academic Integrity is defined in the UNT Policy on Student Standards for Academic Integrity. Any suspected case of Academic Dishonesty will be handled in accordance with the University Policy and procedures. Possible academic penalties range from a verbal or written admonition to a grade of “F” in the course. Further sanctions may apply to incidents involving major violations. You will find the policy and procedures at <http://facultysuccess.unt.edu/academic-integrity>

### **Disability Accommodations**

The Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences cooperates with the Office of Disability Accommodations (ODA) to make reasonable accommodation for qualified students with disabilities (of American with Disabilities Act and Section 504, Rehabilitation Act). All students who have a specific disability that qualifies them for academic accommodations are encouraged to register with ODA. If you need any accommodations for a disability, please submit your written request to the instructor and provide certification from ODA on or before the 12<sup>th</sup> day of class.

The University of North Texas is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation; reference Public Law 92-112 – The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. With the passage of new federal legislation entitled Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), pursuant to section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, there is renewed focus on providing this population with the same opportunities enjoyed by all citizens.

### **Drop Information**

Please go to the Registrar’s office for information regarding dropping a class.

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*Show up. Find support. Take control. Be prepared. Get involved. Be persistent.*

**Additional notes – Please read carefully and often.**

- Check Blackboard/Learn consistently for messages from the instructor, announcements, assignment due dates, and current grades.
- Late assignments (homework or project) will NOT be accepted.
- If a student takes an exam on a later date than the scheduled date, 10% of the points earned will be deducted, regardless of the reason.
- Requests to reschedule an exam are considered only when there is a family or medical emergency with documentation (e.g., not for personal conveniences).
- If a student has a legitimate excuse for missing a due date for an assignment or an exam, they can submit documentation, such as a doctor's note, to the instructor. Consideration may be given at the end of the semester at the instructor's discretion.
- Regular attendance in class and active listening/participating in classroom discussion is necessary for optimal learning. Students are expected to come to class consistently.
- Material presented in class will not be made up on an individual basis. If a student misses class, it is their personal responsibility to obtain the material missed.
- All students are expected to exhibit consistent professional conduct in the classroom. Disruptive classroom behaviors include, but are not limited to: tardiness, leaving early, offensive remarks, or chattering. Students who talk with their classmates too loudly and continuously during class may be asked to leave the classroom. Points may be deducted from their grades if a student exhibits unprofessional conduct in class.

**Tentative general plans**

**Specific dates (HW due dates, exam dates) will be announced in class.**

	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Exams and assignments</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	Introduction		
<b>Week 2</b>	The territory	Chapter 1	
<b>Week 3</b>	The territory	Chapter 1	HW 1
<b>Week 4</b>	Birth to 12 months	Appendix C	
<b>Week 5</b>	First language	Chapter 7	HW 2
<b>Week 6</b>	Describing language	Chapter 2	
<b>Week 7</b>	Preschool pragmatic and semantic development	Chapter 8	HW 3
<b>Week 8</b>	Preschool pragmatic and semantic development	Chapter 8	Exam I
<b>Week 9</b>	Preschool development of language form	Chapter 9	Project sample
<b>Week 10</b>	Preschool development of language form	Chapter 9	
<b>Week 11</b>	Preschool development of language form	Chapter 9	HW 4
<b>Week 12</b>	Preschool development of language form	Chapter 9	
<b>Week 13</b>	School-age language development	Chapter 10	Exam II
<b>Week 14</b>	School-age literacy development	Chapter 11	HW 5
<b>Week 15</b>	Theoretical perspectives	Chapter 2	Project analysis
<b>Final exam: Tuesday, December 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.</b>			