

**The University of Western Ontario  
Department of Languages & Cultures**

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**SPXXB/LIN9703B  
“Multilingualism of Morphosyntax”**



<https://www.speexx.com/speexx-blog/multilingualism-and-business-success/>

### Course Information

Seminars: Thursdays, 9.30am-12.30 pm

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### Course Description

This cross-listed course in English focuses on multilingualism in morphosyntax with a focus on Romance languages. To better understand multilingual learners, their errors, typology and acquisition processes, we start with bilingual acquisition and then compare it with L<sub>n</sub> acquisition to further understand the main processes involved in non-native learning, theories on bi/multi-lingualism, specifically in morphosyntactic adult acquisition.

### Course Material

Required weekly articles (see below) in OWL



Students are required to submit ONE a 2-page written summary including critical analysis of one of the articles. Critical work should include summary of the article and a critical analysis of the article. \* For Spanish students, the written summary and analysis needs to be submitted in Spanish.

Attendance & Participation (15%):

Students are expected to attend all the classes and participate actively during the discussion period. Inconsistent attendance (including frequent absences and late arrivals) will negatively impact your level of participation and will significantly affect your final participation grade. Attendance without active participation will lead to a poor final participation grade.

**Final Project outline (15%)**

Students are required to submit their project outline on one of the main issues seen in class. The outline should include the introduction, (some of) the previous research on the topic (5 scholarly sources) and a brief outline of possible solution. The paper should not exceed 5 pages (Times New Roman, 12 pts, double-spaced) and include references.

*Note:* students have to consult the instructor for the approval of the proposed topic. Possible topics include:

Please note that the weighting of class assignments cannot be modified or changed. It is your responsibility to contact me immediately if you miss a class assignment. No make-ups will be allowed without the presentation of the appropriate documentation UWO's Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness:

(<https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm>) for medical absences, or a letter from the

Wor ^ D ] o } vomiting, headaches, menstrual cramps, insomnia or other non-acute problems may benefit from medical advice and/or treatment but may not warrant a certificate. Non-medical issues, such as a death in the family, should be addressed through your college (if A&S) or faculty. An illness verification form will not automatically result in alternative arrangements at the time of illness, and not after the fact. I will not accept a statement that merely confirms a report of illness made by a student and documented by the physician. If I feel that your condition was not serious enough to miss an assessment you will receive a mark of zero. Suspicious medical certificates will be forwarded to the Office of Student Academic Integrity. Extra work cannot be substituted for class assignments.

#### Late Penalties

A late penalty of 10% per day (i.e., including weekends and holidays) will be applied on your assignments.

#### Classroom Etiquette

You are expected to come to lecture on time and stay for the entire class to receive the participation mark for that day. Any use of electronic devices will be restricted to note-taking and browsing the digital copy of the textbook. The use of social media, texting, emailing is prohibited and will be treated as a breach of classroom etiquette.

#### Communication:

The Blackboard homepage and the Course Syllabus are your first sources for information and questions about the course. You can email me with more practical questions concerning the course organization. I will try to respond to e-mails within 24 hours. If you do not hear from me within that time, feel free to send a reminder e-mail. To ensure e-mail delivery, please use your @uwo.ca account and state the course code (SP) in the subject line.

### UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND SERVICES

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY is essential to the pursuit of learning and scholarship in a university, and individual academic achievement. As a result, the University treats cases of cheating and plagiarism very seriously. The University of Western Ontario outlines the behaviours that constitute academic dishonesty and the processes for addressing academic offences (refer to Scholastic Offense Policy in the Western Academic Calendar). Verbatim text must be surrounded by quotation marks or indented if it is longer than four lines. A reference must follow right after borrowed material (usually the author's name and page number). Without immediate reference to borrowed material, a list of sources at the end of a written assignment does not protect a writer against the possible charge of plagiarism. This also applies to work facilitated

or written for students by third parties.



## CAVEAT

This syllabus is not etched in stone, and any information on this syllabus is subject to change at any time. Although we try to minimize change as much as possible, we may need to make some necessary adjustments (not, however, assignment dates). Any changes will be announced in