What does it mean to learn a second language? This CREATTE course introduces you to the basic principles of language learning. Theories regarding first and second language acquisition will be addressed and topics such as learner language, individual learner differences, and language learning in the classroom will be discussed in detail. You will read a variety of research articles to gain a better understanding of the types of data collection and analyses used to study second language acquisition as well as how empirical work connects to theories of acquisition.

Throughout this course we will analyze global and cultural interrelationships and interdependencies across place and time. You will also participate in the research process by analyzing second language learner data. We will also develop and/or apply context-appropriate actions to address global and cultural issues or situations. By the end of the course, you will come to value the complexity of SLA research and characteristics of learner language and how it relates to classroom teaching and learning. LIN 4721 is certified as a Global Citizens course and may be used to fulfill partial requirements of the Global Citizen Awards upon successful completion of the course (final grade of B or higher).

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