

Faculty	Arts and Humanities		
Home Department	Linguistics		
Module Topic	Introduction to Language Learning and Design Features of Language		
Generic module name	Language and Communication Studies 121		
Alpha-numeric code	LCS121		
NQF Level	5		
NQF Credit Value	15		
Duration	Semester		
Proposed semester to be offered	Second semester		
Programmes in which the module will be offered.	BA (2101); BLIS (2201)		
Year Level	1		
Main Outcomes	<p>On completion of this module students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To explain and define key introductory concepts in the study of language as a system (phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax) and language acquisition. • To analyse language as a system using concepts and theories from phonetics, phonology, morphology and syntax. • To use these concepts to describe and explain the universal patterns of first and second language acquisition. • To identify factors that affect second language acquisition and language attrition. 		
Main Content	<p>The course will deal with the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phonology, morphology, and syntax as part of the universal system of language and language acquisition. • Transcription and description of speech sounds. • Theories and stages of first language acquisition. • Second language acquisition. • Language attrition. 		
Pre-requisites	None		
Co-requisites	LCS111		
Prohibited module Combinations	None		
Breakdown of Learning Time	Hours	Timetable Requirement per week	Other teaching modes that does not require time-table
<i>Contact with lecturer / tutor:</i>	57	<i>Lectures p.w.</i>	2
<i>Assignments & tasks:</i>	43	<i>Practicals p.w.</i>	0
<i>Other:</i>	0	<i>Tutorials p.w.</i>	1
<i>Assessments:</i>	5		
<i>Selfstudy:</i>	45		
Total Learning Time	150		
Methods of Student Assessment	Continuous Assessment (CA): 60% Final Assessment (FA): 40%		
Assessment Module type	Continuous and Final Assessment (CFA)		