

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
SPRING SEMESTER 2006**

**EDUC 468-4
COGNITION & LANGUAGE IN ESL INSTRUCTION
(E01.00)**

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Thursday, 16:30-20:20
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PREREQUISITE

60 credit hours and one linguistic course.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course examines the mysterious relationship between language and its neighbor – thought, and discusses the impact of such knowledge on current practices and curriculum development in ESL instruction. By reviewing different language learning theories, we will explore the nature of language and discuss how it is treated in each – as an object or as an experience. Special attention will be placed on reading and writing in the second language, as well as on cognitive development. We will examine our own beliefs about second language learning and our daily practices in the light of theories, and critically respond to texts.

EVALUATION:

Participation 15%
Response to an article/chapter 15%
Critical analysis of language exercise(s) 20%
Final paper 50%

REQUIRED TEXT:

Vygotsky, L. (1980). *Mind in society: The development of higher psychological processes*. London: Harvard University Press. ISBN: 0674576292
and
Collection of articles (photocopy charge will be announced)

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