



TRAVAIL DE MATURITE 2020-2021 : Proposition de thème

Titre: English Linguistics/ Second language acquisition (SLA)

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3. Thème du séminaire : Second Language Acquisition (SLA)

3.1. Bref résumé de la problématique :

Some people learn languages in the classroom, Others learn while living or studying abroad, or are brought up in bilingual homes. The purpose of this *Travail de Maturité* is to reflect on the processes, insights, and the dynamics of second language acquisition (SLA). As English is widely used on the internet and in social media, it is important for learners to be informed of the preferences, use and motivation of learning English.

3.2. Propositions de sujets pour les travaux inclus dans ce thème :

- Does knowing one language make it easier to learn another?
- Growing up in a bilingual/multi-lingual environment (not necessarily English)
- Learning British or American English? Which do students prefer?
- Strategies for learning English: school, study abroad, social media, series, etc
- Codeswitching
- English language attitudes, use, and preferences at the Collège du Sud

4. Considérations méthodologiques:

You will focus on the processes of learning languages, describing language use and attitudes from a scientific point of view. You will read specialist articles in books and journals to explain the theories which are presented, supply your own examples and finally draw your conclusions based on the gathered information. If you choose to do an online survey, your data will be collected and discussed.

5. Compétences requises et / ou intérêts souhaités chez l'élève :

This *Travail de Maturité* is to be written in English. All group and individual meetings will be also held in English. Therefore, the student is expected to have a strong 5 average in English and be motivated to use it on a regular basis. Exceptions are possible if the student has grades of 5 and above in the sciences/maths and makes the necessary efforts to improve.