



TRAVAIL DE MATURITE 2024-2025 : Proposition de thème

Titre : Second language acquisition (SLA)

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3. Thème du séminaire: Second Language Acquisition (SLA)
 - 3.1. Bref résumé de la problématique:
 4. Some people learn English in the classroom, while others are brought up using it in a bilingual home. Why not learn English, or another language, while living/studying abroad, or even playing games online? The purpose of this *Travail de Maturité* is to reflect on the processes, insights, and the dynamics of second language acquisition (SLA).
 - 4.1. Propositions de sujets pour les travaux inclus dans ce thème :
 - Strategies for learning a second/third+ language: school, study abroad, etc.
 - Growing up in a bilingual/multilingual environment (not necessarily English)
 - Learning standard varieties of language versus social/regional dialects
 - Transfer (positive and negative) from one language to another
 - Technology and its role in language learning
 - Age and language learning

4. Considérations méthodologiques:

Students will focus on the process 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 information you have gathered. If you choose to do a 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. Your final oral presentation, as well as all group and individual meetings will be held in English. There will be an emphasis on sharing your work with the others in the seminar, challenging their ideas and questioning their choice of research. Each 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/math and makes the necessary efforts to succeed in in this seminar.