LINGUISTICS 4Z03/PSYCHOLOGY 4Z03

TOPICS IN PSYCHOLINGUISTICS: "MODELS OF LANGUAGE PRODUCTION"

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OBJECTIVES:

The course examines, in a relatively non-technical way, a range of key concepts and an
deep understanding of research related to psycholinguistic models of language production which have been
studied by well-known researchers in the last 20 or so years: Concept formation, lexical
access, grammatical encoding, constraints on models of language production, the
relationship between comprehension and production, connectionist models of language
production, bilingual models of language production, etc.
The course's objectives are to introduce students to current work in modeling language
production and to engage them in exploring the relation between the two disciplines of
psychology and (theoretical) linguistics.

METHOD:

Seminars, student presentations and class discussion.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

Presentations- 15%*
Presentations with handout- 25%*
Research paper- 40%
Participation- 20%

* Number of presentations delivered by each student will depend on the number of students
registered in this course.

PENALTIES
(a) Students who fail to turn up for their presentations will receive a grade of zero.
(b) Students who fail to submit their research paper will receive a grade of zero. Late
delivery of the paper will receive a five percent (5%) penalty for each day following the
advertised due date.

TEXTS:

Coursepack: Linguistics 4Z03/Psychology 4Z03. Topics in Psycholinguistics: "Models of
Language Production"

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2. Improper collaboration in group work.
3. Copying or using unauthorized aids in tests and examinations.

(If applicable) In this course we will be using a software package designed to reveal plagiarism. Students will be required to submit their work electronically and in hard copy so that it can be checked for academic dishonesty.”

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