

**MA General.**  
**Topics in psycholinguistics**  
**Year 2016/2017**  
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**Course outline**

Psycholinguistics is a huge subject, therefore this course will be a selection of topics, concentrating on multilingualism. There will be very little mention of the brain.

1. Pre-birth bilingualism
2. Bilingualism defined
3. Bilingual development of children
4. Attitudes to bilingualism
5. Interference
6. Multilingual education
7. Family choices
8. Attrition
9. Sign languages
10. Multilingualism and language handicaps
  - autism
  - dyslexia
  - dementia
11. The learning styles debate
12. Aptitude

Students are kindly requested to obtain the DVD from the photocopy shop, covering “First Language Acquisition” and “Second Language Acquisition”. On this DVD they will find a library of textbooks, articles, and videos.

**The main books are:**

Baker C 2011. *Foundations of bilingual education and bilingualism*. Multilingual Matters.

Harding E and Riley 2003 (2<sup>nd</sup> ed). *The bilingual family: a handbook for parents*. CUP.