EDUTL 7306 Language Socialization

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Course Description

This seminar provides an introduction to the field of language socialization. Language socialization research is interdisciplinary, integrating theoretical perspectives and methods from anthropology, education, linguistics, psychology, and sociology. Researchers in this field seek to understand how people learn to use language in the culturally specific ways that enable them to participate competently in the social life of a particular community. Researchers also seek to understand the broader sociocultural contexts within which this developmental process occurs, as well as the active role of novices/newcomers in (re)shaping linguistic codes and sociocultural contexts.

In addition to learning about language socialization, you will learn how to conduct language socialization research through hands-on research activities.

READINGS

Our readings come from journals, 2 edited volumes, & one monograph.

All 3 books are available through OSU Libraries as e-books







Course Objectives/Learning Outcomes

Following successful completion of this course, you will be able to demonstrate through writing and discussion a thorough understanding of

- Theoretical foundations of the language socialization research paradigm
- Core topics and questions in language socialization research
- Key findings & insights from language socialization research
- Language socialization research methodology
- The relevance or language socialization research to your own work

You will also be able to critically analyze language socialization research and related research. Through practice, writing about, and class discussion of hands-on research activities, you will develop and demonstrate a practical understanding of how to conduct language socialization research.

If you have any questions about the course and/or how it might fit with your current research interests and activities, please contact the instructor.