Seminar in aphasiology
COMD 7302/ Spring, 2011

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CLASS WEBSITE: www.utdallas.edu/~wkatz/aphasia_course/aphasia_course.html
Username: utdallas
Pwd: TBA in first class

Pre-requisites: None. Prior coursework in adult neurogenic speech disorders and/or neuroanatomy would be helpful.

Course description: A comprehensive overview of current issues in neurolinguistics. We will review traditional models of brain and language. We next focus on aphasia, covering classification, symptoms, and etiology. Language will be analyzed at each level of the grammar, including phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics. Speech and apraxia will also be considered. The goal is to provide an understanding of how linguistic and cognitive theories can be used to interpret the facts of aphasia.

Required Text: None. This year we will work from PDF/copied materials.

This course has been designed to ensure that students demonstrate required knowledge and skill as outlined in the Standards and Implementation Guidelines for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology. The specific standards addressed in this class are: III-B, III-C, III-D, III-E, III-F, III-G, IV-B, IV-G

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES:
Students will:
1. Identify normal and abnormal language as it pertains to adult language disorders. (Std.III-B, III-C, III-D)
2. Describe intervention strategies for adults with language and cognitive communication disorders in a variety of settings. (III-D)
3. Describe appropriate educational materials and community resources for adults with language and cognitive communication disorders. (Std. III-D, IV-B)
4. Describe and apply knowledge about ethical considerations and professional issues and their impact on treatment of adults with language and cognitive communication disorders. (Std. III-E, III-G)
5. Analyze treatment approaches for adult neurogenic communication disorders to achieve desired patient outcomes based on current best evidence. (Std. III-D, III-F, IV-B)
6. Identify appropriate data collection and treatment documentation for adult patients. (Std. III-D, III-G, IV-B)
7. Develop appropriate treatment activities for a variety of adult patients in varying settings with a variety of linguistic, cultural, and socioeconomic differences. (Std. III-D, III-F, III-G, IV-B)

COURSE OUTLINE

1/10 Introduction - ‘meet and greet’, explanation of course design and materials.
1/17 - MLK holiday - no class

1/24 Historical perspectives on brain-language relationships and aphasiology
In-class materials – PPT; handouts.
Format: Lecture


1/31 Brain and language
Format: Lecture, discussion, hands-on demo

✓ PPT presentation: Language and the brain
✓ Brain demonstration (in-class), briefly examine CT and MRI films


** NOTE: The format for all subsequent sessions will consist of student-led seminars **

2/7 “Neurophilosophy” – Language and Mind


2/14 Classification of aphasia: Classical approaches and current issues

✓ PPT presentation: Stroke: Incidence, cost, functional anatomy, prevention


2/21 Disorders of Phonology
See: [http://www.utdallas.edu/research/FAS/index.html](http://www.utdallas.edu/research/FAS/index.html) for samples, background info


2/28 Disorders of Semantics


3/7 Disorders of Syntax and Morphology (agrammatism)


In-class demo of *SentenceShaper* / Visit this website: [http://www.sentenceshaper.co](http://www.sentenceshaper.co)

⇒ NOTE: Receive MIDTERM EXAM (take-home)
3/21 Disorders of Repetition
(Completed midterm exam due)

In-class video: Wertz, R. The fluent aphasias – CA patient


3/28 Apraxia of speech: Kinematic analysis and management

PPT: “Principles of motor learning applied to the treatment of AOS”

✓ LAB visit: Carstens EMA system


4/4 Word recognition, sentence processing, comprehension and aphasia


4/11 Right hemisphere communication disorders/ Neural control of prosody/ Neglect


4/18 Connectionist models of language processing and aphasia

✓ In-class demo: Connectionist modeling software (JAVA ‘Neuroph’)– build a simple network for an ‘XOR’ problem


4/25 Aphasia and bilingualism


5/2 In-class presentation (and discussion) of student grant proposals.

Grading policy: Knowledge will be assessed by:

1. Selected readings from required chapters and articles.
2. Outlining and presenting materials as seminar leaders.
3. Participating in class – asking questions, synthesizing information.
4. Take-home midterm exam (short essay format).
5. Term paper in the form of a "mini-grant proposal" ←Tentative due date: Mon 5/9

Grading formula: Class discussion 10%; Presentations 30%, Midterm, 30%; Final project, 30%.

VERY IMPORTANT! ☑

✓ It is essential that your reading be completed BEFORE class discussion!

✓ If you are scheduled to lead an article discussion –do not miss class! Only if it is a complete and total emergency! If somehow you cannot make it, please contact me ASAP so that I can prepare in your stead. Otherwise, the whole class will suffer.

✓ I will schedule two short meetings with each student to discuss issues concerning the final paper.

ASHA STANDARDS ADDRESSED IN THIS CLASS: How knowledge is conveyed and how knowledge and skill acquisition will be demonstrated.

Standard III – B
The applicant must demonstrate knowledge of basic human communication and swallowing processes, including their biological, neurological, acoustic, psychological, developmental, and linguistic and cultural basis
Knowledge will be conveyed via class lectures and readings. Acquisition will be demonstrated via class discussions, exams, and required projects.
Standard III-C
The applicant must demonstrate knowledge of the nature of speech, language, hearing, and communication disorders and differences and swallowing disorders, including their etiologies characteristics, anatomical/physiological, acoustic, psychological, developmental, and linguistic and cultural correlates. Knowledge will be conveyed via class lectures and readings. Acquisition will be demonstrated via class discussions, exams, and required projects.

Standard III-D
The applicant must possess knowledge of the principles and methods of prevention, assessment, and intervention for people with communication and swallowing disorders, including consideration of anatomical/physiological, psychological, developmental, and linguistic and cultural correlates of the disorder. Knowledge will be conveyed via class lectures and readings. Acquisition will be demonstrated via class discussions, exams, and required projects.

Standard III-E
The applicant must demonstrate knowledge of standards of ethical conduct. Knowledge will be conveyed via class lectures and readings. Acquisition will be demonstrated via class discussions, exams, and required projects.

Standard III – F
The applicant must demonstrate knowledge of processes used in research and the integration of research principles into evidence-based clinical practice. Knowledge will be conveyed via class lectures and readings. Acquisition will be demonstrated via class discussions, exams, and required projects.

Standard III – G
The applicant must demonstrate knowledge of contemporary professional issues. Knowledge will be conveyed via class lectures and readings. Acquisition will be demonstrated via class discussions, exams, and required projects.

Standard IV – B
The applicant must possess skill in oral and written or other forms of communication sufficient for entry into professional practice. Knowledge will be conveyed via class lectures and readings. Acquisition will be demonstrated via class discussions, exams, and required projects.

Students will demonstrate the following skills:

1. Identify normal and abnormal adult language and cognitive communication as it pertains to adult neurogenic disorders.
   As measured by:
   Successful completion of exams, Successful completion of projects

2. Describe intervention strategies for adult patients with language and cognitive communication disorders.
   As measured by:
   Successful completion of exams, Successful completion of projects
3. Describe impact of physical, behavioral and medical status on adult language and cognitive communication disorders.
   As measured by:
   Successful completion of exams, Successful completion of projects

4. Describe and choose appropriate compensatory techniques, facilitation techniques and environmental modifications for adult patients with language and cognitive communication deficits.
   As measured by:
   Successful completion of exams, Successful completion of projects

5. Interpret, integrate and synthesize information to develop appropriate recommendations for intervention/treatment plans and to appropriately document a patient’s progress in therapy.
   As measured by:
   Successful completion of exams, Successful completion of projects

6. Describe and develop measurable and achievable goals that would meet a patient’s needs and target functional outcomes.
   As measured by:
   Successful completion of exams, Successful completion of projects

7. Identify standards of ethical conduct as they relate to the practice of adult language and cognitive communication rehabilitation.
   As measured by:
   Successful completion of exams, Successful completion of projects

8. Identify and describe cultural issues that relate to adult language and cognitive communication disorders and treatment.
   As measured by:
   Successful completion of exams, Successful completion of projects

9. Identify and discuss aspects of adult language and cognitive communication intervention in varying treatment settings.
   As measured by:
   Successful completion of exams, Successful completion of projects

10. Discuss and describe educational needs of patients, families, and the multidisciplinary professional team for adults with language and cognitive communication disorders.
    As measured by:
    Successful completion of exams, Successful completion of projects

11. Discuss and develop appropriate treatment activities for adults with language and cognitive communication disorders.
    As measured by:
    Successful completion of exams, Successful completion of projects
12. Discuss and describe strategies to achieve generalization of communication skills/strategies for adults in natural environments.
   As measured by:
   Successful completion of exams, Successful completion of projects

13. Discuss and describe strategies to collect and analyze data from therapy.
   As measured by:
   Successful completion of exams, Successful completion of projects

14. Discuss and describe documentation procedures for various treatment settings.
   As measured by:
   Successful completion of exams, Successful completion of projects

15. Discuss strategies to prevent adult language and cognitive communication disorders.
   As measured by:
   Successful completion of exams, Successful completion of projects

Field Trip Policies, Off-campus Instruction and Course Activities

Off-campus, out-of-state, and foreign instruction and activities are subject to state law and University policies and procedures regarding travel and risk-related activities. Information regarding these rules and regulations may be found at the website address http://www.utdallas.edu/BusinessAffairs/Travel_Risk_Activities.htm. Additional information is available from the office of the school dean. Below is a description of any travel and/or risk-related activity associated with this course.

Student Conduct & Discipline

The University of Texas System and The University of Texas at Dallas have rules and regulations for the orderly and efficient conduct of their business. It is the responsibility of each student and each student organization to be knowledgeable about the rules and regulations which govern student conduct and activities. General information on student conduct and discipline is contained in the UTD publication, A to Z Guide, which is provided to all registered students each academic year.

The University of Texas at Dallas administers student discipline within the procedures of recognized and established due process. Procedures are defined and described in the Rules and Regulations, Board of Regents, The University of Texas System, Part I, Chapter VI, Section 3, and in Title V, Rules on Student Services and Activities of the university’s Handbook of Operating Procedures. Copies of these rules and regulations are available to students in the Office of the Dean of Students, where staff members are available to assist students in interpreting the rules and regulations (SU 1.602, 972/883-6391).

A student at the university neither loses the rights nor escapes the responsibilities of citizenship. He or she is expected to obey federal, state, and local laws as well as the Regents’ Rules, university regulations, and administrative rules. Students are subject to discipline for violating the
standards of conduct whether such conduct takes place on or off campus, or whether civil or criminal penalties are also imposed for such conduct.

**Academic Integrity**

The faculty expects from its students a high level of responsibility and academic honesty. Because the value of an academic degree depends upon the absolute integrity of the work done by the student for that degree, it is imperative that a student demonstrate a high standard of individual honor in his or her scholastic work.

Scholastic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, statements, acts or omissions related to applications for enrollment or the award of a degree, and/or the submission as one’s own work or material that is not one’s own. As a general rule, scholastic dishonesty involves one of the following acts: cheating, plagiarism, collusion and/or falsifying academic records. Students suspected of academic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary proceedings.

Plagiarism, especially from the web, from portions of papers for other classes, and from any other source is unacceptable and will be dealt with under the university’s policy on plagiarism (see general catalog for details). This course will use the resources of turnitin.com, which searches the web for possible plagiarism and is over 90% effective.

**Email Use**

The University of Texas at Dallas recognizes the value and efficiency of communication between faculty/staff and students through electronic mail. At the same time, email raises some issues concerning security and the identity of each individual in an email exchange. The university encourages all official student email correspondence be sent only to a student’s U.T. Dallas email address and that faculty and staff consider email from students official only if it originates from a UTD student account. This allows the university to maintain a high degree of confidence in the identity of all individual corresponding and the security of the transmitted information. UTD furnishes each student with a free email account that is to be used in all communication with university personnel. The Department of Information Resources at U.T. Dallas provides a method for students to have their U.T. Dallas mail forwarded to other accounts.

**Withdrawal from Class**

The administration of this institution has set deadlines for withdrawal of any college-level courses. These dates and times are published in that semester's course catalog. Administration procedures must be followed. It is the student's responsibility to handle withdrawal requirements from any class. In other words, I cannot drop or withdraw any student. You must do the proper paperwork to ensure that you will not receive a final grade of "F" in a course if you choose not to attend the class once you are enrolled.

**Student Grievance Procedures**

Procedures for student grievances are found in Title V, Rules on Student Services and Activities, of the university’s *Handbook of Operating Procedures*.

In attempting to resolve any student grievance regarding grades, evaluations, or other fulfillments of academic responsibility, it is the obligation of the student first to make a serious effort to resolve the matter with the instructor, supervisor, administrator, or committee with whom the grievance
originates (hereafter called “the respondent”). Individual faculty members retain primary responsibility for assigning grades and evaluations. If the matter cannot be resolved at that level, the grievance must be submitted in writing to the respondent with a copy of the respondent’s School Dean. If the matter is not resolved by the written response provided by the respondent, the student may submit a written appeal to the School Dean. If the grievance is not resolved by the School Dean’s decision, the student may make a written appeal to the Dean of Graduate or Undergraduate Education, and the deal will appoint and convene an Academic Appeals Panel. The decision of the Academic Appeals Panel is final. The results of the academic appeals process will be distributed to all involved parties.

Copies of these rules and regulations are available to students in the Office of the Dean of Students, where staff members are available to assist students in interpreting the rules and regulations.

Incomplete Grade Policy

As per university policy, incomplete grades will be granted only for work unavoidably missed at the semester’s end and only if 70% of the course work has been completed. An incomplete grade must be resolved within eight (8) weeks from the first day of the subsequent long semester. If the required work to complete the course and to remove the incomplete grade is not submitted by the specified deadline, the incomplete grade is changed automatically to a grade of F.

Disability Services

The goal of Disability Services is to provide students with disabilities educational opportunities equal to those of their non-disabled peers. Disability Services is located in room 1.610 in the Student Union. Office hours are Monday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The contact information for the Office of Disability Services is:
The University of Texas at Dallas, SU 22
PO Box 830688
Richardson, Texas 75083-0688
(972) 883-2098 (voice or TTY)

Essentially, the law requires that colleges and universities make those reasonable adjustments necessary to eliminate discrimination on the basis of disability. For example, it may be necessary to remove classroom prohibitions against tape recorders or animals (in the case of dog guides) for students who are blind. Occasionally an assignment requirement may be substituted (for example, a research paper versus an oral presentation for a student who is hearing impaired). Classes enrolled students with mobility impairments may have to be rescheduled in accessible facilities. The college or university may need to provide special services such as registration, note-taking, or mobility assistance.

It is the student’s responsibility to notify his or her professors of the need for such an accommodation. Disability Services provides students with letters to present to faculty members to verify that the student has a disability and needs accommodations. Individuals requiring special accommodation should contact the professor after class or during office hours.
Religious Holy Days

The University of Texas at Dallas will excuse a student from class or other required activities for the travel to and observance of a religious holy day for a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property tax under Section 11.20, Tax Code, Texas Code Annotated.

The student is encouraged to notify the instructor or activity sponsor as soon as possible regarding the absence, preferably in advance of the assignment. The student, so excused, will be allowed to take the exam or complete the assignment within a reasonable time after the absence: a period equal to the length of the absence, up to a maximum of one week. A student who notifies the instructor and completes any missed exam or assignment may not be penalized for the absence. A student who fails to complete the exam or assignment within the prescribed period may receive a failing grade for that exam or assignment.

If a student or an instructor disagrees about the nature of the absence [i.e., for the purpose of observing a religious holy day] or if there is similar disagreement about whether the student has been given a reasonable time to complete any missed assignments or examinations, either the student or the instructor may request a ruling from the chief executive officer of the institution, or his or her designee. The chief executive officer or designee must take into account the legislative intent of TEC 51.911(b), and the student and instructor will abide by the decision of the chief executive officer or designee.

*These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.*