Description:

This course will focus on those aspects of second language vocabulary which relate most directly to a foreign language teacher, and as a result will provide you with ideas for vocabulary activities and testing tools that you can use in your own teaching. On the other hand, there will be quite a lot of discussion of theoretical issues as well. That will hopefully lead you to be more critical and principled in your teaching towards vocabulary.

Outline:

Week 1    Introduction
Week 2   Test of Teachers’ Knowledge
Week 3  Vocabulary size (ch.1)
Week 4   Depth of Vocabulary Knowledge (ch.2)
Week 5   Vocabulary Learning Strategies (ch.7, pp.217-232)
Week 6   Guessing (ch.7, pp. 232-262)
Week 7   Dictionary Use & Word Building (ch. 8)
Week 8   Teaching Vocabulary (Introduction & ch. 3, pp. 60-81)
Week 9   Visa (provisional)
Week 10 Teaching Vocabulary (Introduction & ch. 3, pp. 81-113)
Week 11 Vocabulary in Listening and Speaking (ch.4)
Week 12 Vocabulary in Reading and Writing (ch. 5)
Week 13 Vocabulary tests (ch.10)
Week 14 Test of Teachers’ Knowledge

Teaching Methodology:

You will be given a set of study questions for each topic of the course. The questions will closely follow the content of the chapters in Nation (2001). You are expected to be prepared to discuss possible answers to these questions in class. The questions for a given topic will be available on a weekly basis on the internet on my personal web-page at www20.uludag.edu.tr/~mozturk.
Materials:
The coursebook for this course is I.S.P. Nation’s *Learning and Teaching Vocabulary in Another Language (2001)*. We will not be reading each and every chapter of the book, nor read them strictly in the same order as they appear in the book. Please refer to the course outline to find out which chapter to read for a given topic. The Main Library on the University Campus holds a hard copy of the book which you can borrow for several weeks. Other titles on the topic of vocabulary learning and teaching can be found below in the section titled ‘References’.

Assessment:
You will be assessed by two sit-in exams to be held in the middle and end of the term respectively. The mid-term exam will take place in the same week of the term as the undergraduate visa exams (the 9th week provisionally) during the usual class hour. The final exam will be sometime between 08.01.2007-21.01.2007. The exact date will be specified later.

References: