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ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code LALI-362	Course Title Semantics and Pragmatics	ECTS Credits 6
Department Languages and Literature	Semester Fall	Prerequisites LALI-141
Type of Course Required (Linguistics and EFL concentration)	Field Linguistics	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Year of Study 3 rd	Lecturer(s) Dr Maria Kogetsidis
Mode of Delivery Dist. Learning	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None

Objectives of the Course:

This course aims to acquaint students with some basic concepts and problems central to the study of semantics and pragmatics within current linguistic theory.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. demonstrate deeper and broader insights into the issues of semantics and pragmatics,
2. explain the nature and scope of semantics and pragmatics and their place within linguistics,
3. solve problems of linguistic semantics and pragmatics (analyse, summarise, draw conclusions) independently,
4. exemplify the ways in which meanings are shaped by contextual and cultural factors,
5. identify the key features of speech act theory, conversational maxims, and politeness theory.

Course Contents:

1. Sentences, Utterances and Propositions
2. Reference and Sense
3. Referring Expressions

4. Sense properties and sense relations - Identity and similarity of sense
5. Oppositeness and dissimilarity of sense and ambiguity
6. Contradiction, Ambiguity, Homonymy, Polysemy
7. Presupposition
8. Speech Acts: Language as Action
9. Cooperation and Implicature (Grice's theory)
10. Politeness and Interaction (Leech's theory)
11. The face-saving view of politeness (Brown and Levinson's theory)

Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Workshops, Discussions with class participation and Assignment

Assessment Methods:

Mid-Term Exam; Final Exam; Assignment.

Required Textbooks:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Hurford James, Heasley Brendan and Smith Michael	<i>Semantics a Coursebook</i>	Cambridge University Press	2007	9780521671873
Stilwell Peccei Jean	<i>Pragmatics – Language Workbook</i>	Routledge	2001	0415205239

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Goddard, C.	<i>Semantic Analysis. A Practical Introduction</i>	Arnold.	1998	978- 0199560288
Horn L. and Ward G	<i>The Handbook of Pragmatics</i>	Blackwell	2007	978- 0631225485

