

Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific research

Department of English
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Subject: Advanced Semantics (MA Studies)

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Course Book

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| 1. Course name | Advanced Semantics |
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| 5. Time (in hours) per week | Theory3 |
| 6. Office hours | 30hrs. |
| 7. Course code | |
| 9. Keywords | sense - meaning – proposition |
| 10. Course overview: | <p>The course is intended to introduce principles of linguistic semantics , it gives attention to the lexical and grammatical devices that English employs to express meanings. Focusing on the English Language, presents the basic principles of semantics. It explores how languages organize and express meanings through words, parts of words and sentences, deals with relations of words to other words, and sentences to other sentences ,illustrates the importance and the role of context in any communication makes random comparisons of features in other languages explores the knowledge speakers of a language must have in common to enable them to communicate, it discusses the nature of language; the structure of discourse; the distinction between lexical and grammatical meaning examines such relations as synonymy, antonymy, and hyponymy; ambiguity.</p> |
| 11. Course objective: | Students will get a clear idea of the goals and character of |

semantics analysis and will be well prepared to take on the various subfields of semantics in later specialized courses. Students should finish the course with a sense of what semantics is about and how semantic analysis is done; they should also have a deeper appreciation of English and of the nature of language in general .

12. Student's obligation

Because this course studies difficult topics and topics based on earlier concepts you need to attend class faithfully. Often class becomes an opportunity to clarify and simplify important concepts from the reading so I do not undertake to accept all excuses .If you are absent for any reason ,it is your responsibility to catch up on what you missed and find out whether there were any additional assignments.

13. Forms of teaching : data show, white board ,PowerPoint

14. Assessment scheme

Mid Term exam --Seminars -- Writing reports –quizzes - Review Articles -Final examination

15. Student learning outcome: After completing the course, students will be able to: - read and understand literature in the field - identify and explain basic semantic concepts, both at the lexical level and at the sentential and inter-sentential levels - write an essay on topics in semantics. Demonstrate a knowledge of a range of approaches to analysing lexical and grammatical semantics .

16. Course Reading List and References:

- 1. Semantics Second Edition (1981)F.R.Palmer**
- 2. Semantics (2009)John I. Saeed**
- 3. Introducing English Semantics (1998)Charles W. Kreidler**
- 4. Lexical Semantics (1987)Cruse D.A.**
- 5. An Introduction to English semantics and pragmatics (2006)Patrick Griffiths**
- 6. Linguistic Semantics: An introduction (1996)John Lyons**

17. The Topics:

Week 1: Introduction: The terms semantics and meaning , semantics and linguistics .the spoken language ,historical semantics , semantics in other disciplines.

Week 2: The scope of semantics : naming , concepts ,sense and reference, kinds of meaning, the word as a semantic unit

Week 3: The non-linguistic Context :the exclusion of context , context of situations ,Behaviourism ,linguistic relativity

Week 4:Lexical Structure :synonymy ,polysemy and homonymy ,Incompatibility, Hyponymy, Antonymy, components

Week5 :Linguistic context :Context as meaning , Collocation ,Idioms . Collocation and Grammar

Week 6 :Meaning and the sentence Word and sentence , projection rule, predicate calculus , Analytic and synthetic

Week 7:semantics and Grammar

Week 8:Case Relations , Perfomatives and Speech acts,Topic and comment

Week 9:Presuppositions , Generative Semantics .

Week10:CognitiveSemantics:Introduction,Metaphor,Metaphor in cognitive semantics ,Features of metaphor ,the influence of metaphor .

Week 11 : Metonymy,image Schemas,Containment schema ,Path schema,Force schemas

Week 12:Polysemy : Prepositions ,Modal verbs

Wee 13 :Mental Spaces :Mental Spaces, Connections between spaces, Referential

**opacity, Presupposition, Conceptual blending ,Langacker's Cognitive Grammar
,Nouns, verbs and clauses, Construal**

**Week 14: The semantics of morphological relations : Formal processes of derivation ,
Semantic processes in derivation ,Verbs formed from nouns ,Verbs from adjectives ,
Adjectives derived from verbs ,Adjectives derived from nouns ,Adjectives derived from
adjectives ,Nouns derived from verbs , Nouns derived from adjectives Nouns derived
from nouns**

Week 15: Final Exam.