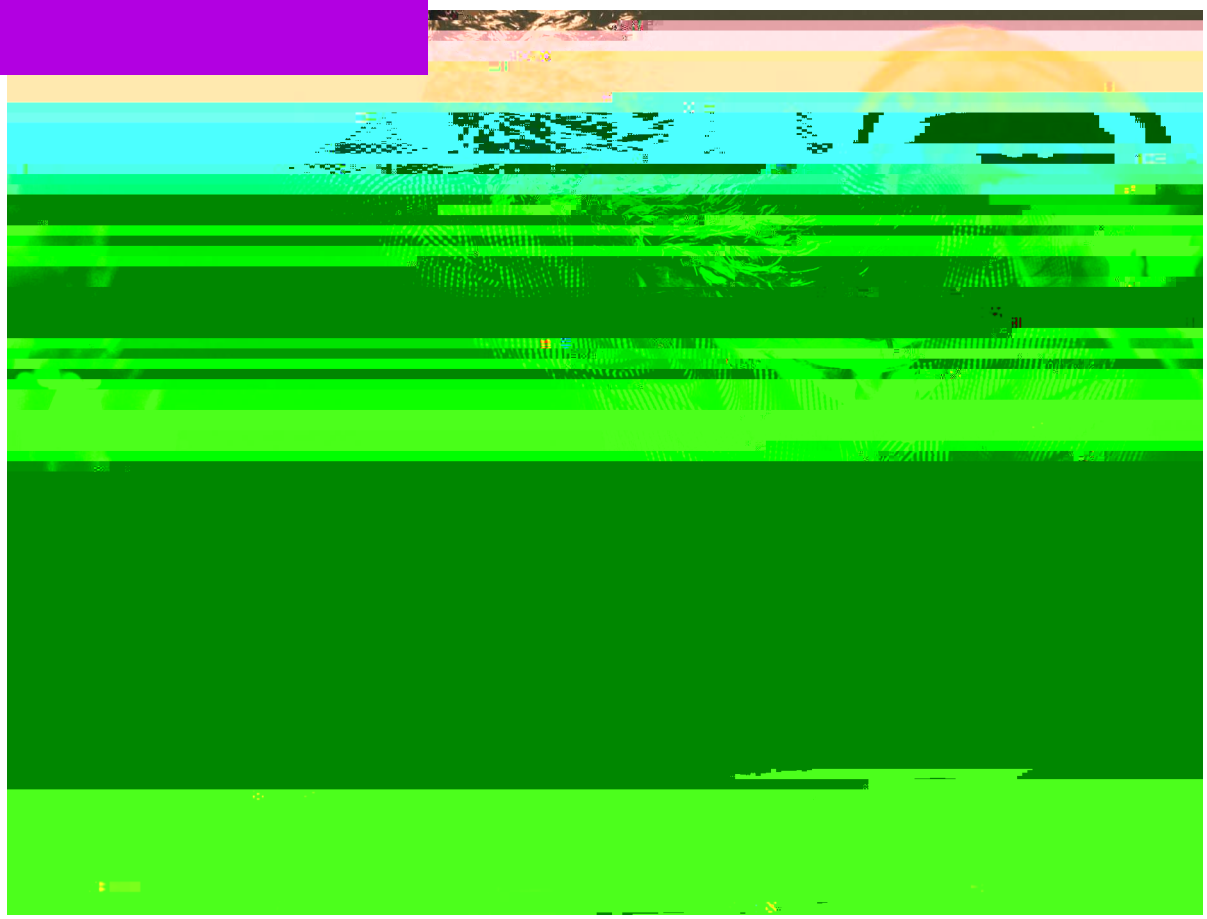

ARTS2690

Semantics and Pragmatics

Term Three // 2020

School of Humanities and Languages // UNSW Arts and Social Sciences

Course Overview

Staff Contact Details

Convenors

Course Details

Credit Points 6

Summary of the Course

In this course you will explore the nature and scope of semantics and pragmatics and their place within Linguistics. Topics in semantics include: the nature and analysis of lexical meanings, the relationship between meaning and cognition, the relationship between semantics and grammar, and semantic change. Topics in pragmatics include: speech act theory, politeness theory, implicature and presupposition. You will have the opportunity to engage with and analyse genuine linguistic data. You will apply these ideas not only to English, but to other languages you know.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Distinguish among the concepts of sentence meaning, utterance meaning and speaker meaning
2. Apply appropriate descriptive and analytical procedures to the field of inquiry of pragmatics and its relevant conceptual assumptions
3. Apply appropriate descriptive and analytical procedures to the field of lexical, phrasal and sentential semantics
4. Analyse linguistic data and argue the merits of the analysis.

Teaching Strategies

This course is an integral component of the undergraduate linguistics curriculum. In order to understand the cognitive and social dimensions of language it is essential to investigate the organization of the semantic system, and the nature of the principles of pragmatics.

Each week there will be a two-hour lecture (designed to elaborate on and clarify information in the books recommended), plus a one-hour tutorial.Tutorials will be mainly devoted to discussing and explaining the answers to the exercises provided.

Assessment

Lectures will be provided asynchronously, that is, you will be able to listen on-line at the scheduled lecture time, and replay it for yourself at any other time.

Tutorials will be online and live, Students are expected to be present and participate in activities. Presentations will be done in real time through the medium of Blackboard Collaborate.

Students will be provided with online activities each week to do in their own time.

Assessment Tasks

Assessment task	Weight	Due Date	Student Learning Outcomes Assessed
Presentation	20%	ongoing in tutorials	2,3
Problem Set	20%	24/11/2020 11:00 PM	4
Class Tests 1 and 2	60%	15/10/20 11 AM; 12/11/2020 11:00 AM	1,2,3

Assessment Details

Assessment 1: Presentation

Start date: 28/09/2020 02:00 PM

Details:

Once in the term each student is assigned to present a tutorial reading and engage the other students in

This is the final assignment for attendance purposes. This is a take home assignment in which students will complete a set of problems and/or exercises that allow them to apply the concepts covered in the course. The time required is approximately 2 hours.

Turnitin setting: This is not a Turnitin assignment

Assessment 3: Class Tests 1 and 2

Start date: Not Applicable

Details:

90 minutes each. 30% each. Tests cover content presented in lectures and tutorials. Written and oral feedback

Additional details:

There are 2 in-class tests. The first is on 15/10 at 11 AM and the second is on 12/11 at 11 AM

Turnitin setting: This is not a Turnitin assignment

Week 6: 19 October - 23 October	Online Activity	Students watch Youtube videos and complete activities online.
Week 7: 26 October - 30 October	Lecture	Participants in Sentence Meaning Saeed Chapter 6
	Tutorial	Discuss Class Test 1
	Online Activity	Students watch Youtube videos and complete activities online.
Week 8: 2 November - 6 November	Lecture	Context and Inference Saeed Chapter 7
	Tutorial	Saeed Chapter 6
	Online Activity	Students watch Youtube videos and complete activities online.
Week 9: 9 November - 13 November	Lecture	Classic Linguistic Pragmatics Chapman Chapter 3 and 4
	Tutorial	Saeed Chapter 7
	Assessment	Class Test 2 Timed test online during the lecture period
	Online Activity	Students watch Youtube videos and complete activities online.
Week 10: 16 November - 20 November	Lecture	Modern Pragmatics Chapman chapter 5
	Tutorial	Chapman, chapter 3 and 4
	Online Activity	Students watch Youtube videos and complete activities online.

Submission of Assessment Tasks

Turnitin Submission

If you encounter a problem when attempting to submit your assignment through Turnitin, please telephone External Support on 9385 3331 or email them on externalteltsupport@unsw.edu.au . Support hours are 8:00am – 10:00pm on weekdays and 9:00am – 5:00pm on weekends (365 days a year). If you are unable to submit your assignment due to a fault with Turnitin you may apply for an extension, but you must retain your ticket number from External Support (along with any other relevant documents) to include as evidence to support your extension application. If you email External Support you will automatically receive a ticket number, but if you telephone you will need to specifically ask for one. Turnitin also provides updates on their system status on Twitter.

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For information on how to submit assignments online via Moodle: https://student.unsw.edu.au/how-submit-assignment-moodle

Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement.

UNSW groups plagiarism into the following categories:

- understand your rights and responsibilities as a student at UNSW
- be aware of plagiarism, copyright, UNSW Student Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use of UNSW ICT Resources Policy
- be aware of the standards of behaviour expected of everyone in the UNSW community
- locate services and information about UNSW and UNSW Library

Some of these areas will be familiar to you, others will be new. Gaining a solid understanding of all the related aspects of ELISE will help you make the most of your studies at UNSW.
http://subjectguides.library.unsw.edu.au/elise/aboutelise