



الجامعة السعودية الإلكترونية
SAUDI ELECTRONIC UNIVERSITY
2011-1432

Introduction to Semantics & Pragmatics (ENG350)

Course Syllabus

English Language and Translation Department

College of Science and Theoretical Studies

Saudi Electronic University

A: General Information

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| 1. Course Title | Introduction to Semantics & Pragmatics |
| 2. Course Code | ENG350 |
| 3. Semester/ Year | 6 th semester – 3 rd Year |
| 4. Course credit | 3 Hours |
| 5. Course level | Level 6 |
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B: Academic Content

Course aim and objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Recognize key issues involved in the study of logic and meaning.
- Demonstrate knowledge of significant theories that are related to syntagmatic and paradigmatic relations of meaning.
- Assess how language is used to perform direct and indirect speech acts.
- Differentiate between what is explicitly said and what is implied.

Learning Outcomes:

- 1.1 Recognize key issues involved in the study of semantics and pragmatics.
- 1.2 Demonstrate knowledge of significant theories that focus on semantics and pragmatics.
- 2.1 Assess how language is used to perform “speech acts”.
- 2.2 Differentiate between what is explicitly said and what is implied.

Prerequisites:

ENG301

C: Timetable for sessions

	Week	Date	Chapters	Students Commitments
1.	Week 0		ORIENTATION WEEK	
2.	Week 1		Logic & Meaning	
3.	Week 2		Concepts and Meaning	
4.	Week 3		Lexical Units	Assignment 1
5.	Week 4		Contextual Variability of Word Meaning	
6.	Week 5		Paradigmatic Relations of Inclusion and Identity	Quiz 1
7.	Week 6		Syntagmatic Semantic Relations and Extensions of Meaning	

8.	Week 7		Syntagmatic Semantic Relations and Extensions of Meaning	
9.	Week 8		MIDTERM EXAMS	
10.	Week 9		Grammatical Meaning and Argument Structure	Assignment 2
11.	Week 10		Verbs and Adjectives	
12.	Week 11		Preposition	Quiz 2
13.	Week 12		Speech Acts	Assignment 3
14.	Week 13		Reference and Deixis	Quiz 3
15.	Week 14		Conversational Implicatures	
16.	Week 15		Study week – can be used for review	
17.	Week 16		FINAL EXAMS	
18.	Week 17			
19.	Week 18			

D: Course Resources

Textbooks: Cruse, A. (2011). Meaning in language: An introduction to semantics and pragmatics. (3rd ed.). Oxford: Oxford University Press. ISBN#: 9780199559466 (print).

E: Assessment

- **Assessment Overview**

Assessment Type	Due Date of Assignments	Weight
Assignment 1	Week 3	8 points
Quiz 1	Week 5	5 points
Assignment 2	Week 9	8 points
Quiz 2	Week 11	5 points
Assignment 3	Week 12	9 points
Quiz 3	Week 13	5 points
Midterm Exam	Week 8	20 points
Final Exam	Weeks 16 & 17	40 points
Total	100 points	

F: Additional Requirements

- The student must follow attendance policy that given by the university.

- The student is responsible to read all announcements that are regularly posted by the instructor.
- Any student having difficulty understanding this handout should contact the instructor for clarifications.
- For all enquiries, students should contact the instructor.