

# **ENG 236: SEMANTICS AND PRAGMATICS**

*English Program, Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures, University of Cyprus*

Spring Semester 2004: Mondays & Thursdays, 1.30 - 3.00 pm — Room E 102

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## **DESCRIPTION**

The course aims to provide an understanding of the principles underlying the expression of meanings through language. It surveys basic topics in semantics such as sense and reference, lexical semantics and basic sense relations, semantics and grammar, simple logic. It also provides an introduction to pragmatics and the negotiation of interpersonal meanings in contexts of situation. *This course rounds off the students' introduction to theoretical linguistics and allows them to participate actively in further electives in linguistics.*

## **ASSESSMENT**

**Regular attendance is strongly suggested!** Besides the lectures, there will be evaluation for:

1. one **mid-term exam** covering the first part of the course (*Mid-Term Exam counts 20%*)
2. one **final exam** covering the second part in the exam period (*Final Exam counts 40%*)
3. one **take-home exam** covering the entire course (*Take-Home Exam counts 40%*)
4. **presence and class participation** (*evaluation up to discretion of instructor*)

The format of the **in-class exams** will be very similar to the exercises we'll be doing in class. The **take-home exam** goes beyond practicing semantics and pragmatics as done in class.

## **READING**

There is **one required textbook** — that means, **every student must have his/her own copy!**

**Löbner, Sebastian. 2002. *Understanding Semantics*. London: Arnold. [[@Moufflon](mailto:@Moufflon)]**

For corrections, see <http://www.punksinscience.org/kleanthes/courses/SP/typos.html>  
or the original <http://www.phil-fak.uni-duesseldorf.de/~loebner/und-sem/typos.html>.

**Further references** will be given in Class 1; **selected readings** will be distributed in class. The **readings for pragmatics** will be made available for photocopy later on in this semester.

## SYLLABUS

Below you find the **class-by-class outline** of the course. There won't be regular handouts, so you're advised to prepare your readings for each class accordingly: **keep the syllabus handy.**

<u>January 26: CLASS 1</u> <b>Semantics and Pragmatics</b>	<u>January 29: CLASS 2</u> <b>Meaning and Semantics</b>
<u>February 2: CLASS 3</u> <b>Types of Meaning</b>	<u>February 5: CLASS 4</u> <b>Meanings and Readings</b>
<u>February 9: CLASS 5</u> <b>Meaning and Logic</b>	<u>February 12: CLASS 6</u> <b>Logic and Meaning</b>
<u>February 16: CLASS 7</u> <b>Meaning Relations</b>	<u>February 19: CLASS 8</u> <b>Discussion and Review</b>
<u>February 23: NO CLASS</u> GREEN MONDAY	<u>February 26: CLASS 9</u> MID-TERM EXAM
<u>March 1: CLASS 10</u> <i>Semantics of Tense &amp; Aspect I [Prof. Lucko]</i>	<u>March 4: CLASS 11</u> <i>Semantics of Tense &amp; Aspect II [Prof. Lucko]</i>
<u>March 8: CLASS 12</u> <b>Predication I</b>	<u>March 11: CLASS 13</u> <b>Predication II</b>
<u>March 15: CLASS 14</u> <b>Approaches to Semantics</b>	<u>March 18: CLASS 15</u> <b>Meaning and Cognition</b>
<u>March 22: CLASS 16</u> <b>Formal Semantics</b>	<u>March 25: NO CLASS</u> GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY
<u>March 29: NO CLASS</u> — CANCELLED —	<u>April 1: NO CLASS</u> APRIL FOOL'S DAY
<u>April 3-18: NO CLASSES</u> — EASTER BREAK	
<u>April 19: CLASS 17</u> <b>Meaning and Discourse</b>	<u>April 22: CLASS 18</u> <b>Conversational Implicature</b>
<u>April 26: CLASS 19</u> <b>Speech Acts</b>	<u>April 29: CLASS 20</u> <b>Discourse Analysis</b>
<u>May 3: CLASS 21</u> <b>Relevance Theory</b>	<u>May 6: CLASS 22</u> <b>Discussion and Review</b>

**READING PERIOD: MAY 8-16 — EXAM PERIOD: MAY 17-30  
TAKE-HOME EXAM DUE DATE: MAY 14, 5PM IN MY OFFICE**