



University of Cyprus
Department of English Studies

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ΑΓΓ257

FORMAL SEMANTICS

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5 ECTS

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OBJECTIVE: The course discusses meaning in language, what is known as *narrow meaning*, more precisely. It offers the necessary formal tools and methods to analyse language meaning and then proceeds to discuss actual accounts of several aspects of meaning such as: truth and meaning, denotation and reference, predication, and quantification. It concludes with a short discussion of the relation between Semantics and Pragmatics.

COURSE OUTLINE

LECTURE 1	Semantics and Pragmatics: what they are, how they differ
LECTURE 2	Truth, denotation, and the meaning of sentences
LECTURE 3	Formal Logic: the Propositional Calculus
LECTURE 4	Formal Logic: the Predicate Calculus
LECTURE 5	Quantification
LECTURE 6	Properties of properties and Time
LECTURE 7	Intensionality and Modality
LECTURE 8	Compositionality
LECTURE 9	Generalised Quantifiers
LECTURE 10	Lexical Semantics
LECTURE 11	Implicatures: some Pragmatics

READING LIST

1. Beginning logic / E. J. Lemmon QA9.3.L45 1965
2. Compositionality in formal semantics / Barbara H. Partee. P325.P37 2004
3. Elements of formal semantics: an introduction to logic for students of language / John N. Martin B840.M34 1987
4. Everything that linguists have always wanted to know about logic but were ashamed to ask / James D. McCawley P39.M3 1993
5. Formal semantics: an introduction / Ronnie Cann P325.C28 1993
6. From discourse to logic: introduction to model-theoretic semantics of natural language, formal logic and discourse representation theory / by Hans Kamp and Uwe Reyle BC57.K35 1993

7. Informal lectures on formal semantics / Emmon Bach. P325.B27 1989
8. Introduction to natural language semantics / Henriette de Swart P325.S957 1998
9. Knowledge of meaning: an introduction to semantic theory / Richard Larson and Gabriel Segal. P325.L298 1995
10. Logic, language, and meaning / L.T.F. Gamut. BC71.G33513 1991
11. Meaning and grammar: an introduction to semantics / Gennaro Chierchia and Sally McConnell-Ginet P325.C384 2000
12. Meaning in language: an introduction to semantics and pragmatics / D. Alan Cruse. P99.C78 2000
13. Natural language semantics / Keith Allan P325.A4244 2001
14. Semantics / John I. Saeed P325.S2 1997
15. Semantics and pragmatics: meaning in language and discourse / K. Jaszczolt P325.J3373 2002
16. Semantics in generative grammar / Irene Heim and Angelika Kratzer P325.5.G45H45 1998
17. Semantics: critical concepts in linguistics / edited by Javier Gutierrez-Rexach P325.S38126 2003

TEXTBOOKS

- Kearns, Kate. 2011. *Semantics* (second edition). Palgrave Macmillan.
- Material available on Blackboard: Lemmon, Elbourne, DeSwart.

ASSESSMENT

Final Examination:	60%
Assignments-Exercises:	30%
Class Participation:	10%