

# Semantics and Pragmatics – AN31005BA/AN5301OMA

3-credit seminar  
Spring 2023

## Course Description

This course is concerned with the study of meaning. More specifically, we will be interested in exploring the foundations of formal, truth-conditional semantics, covering topics such as predicate-argument structure, compositionality, existential versus universal quantification, temporal categories such as tense and aspect, and thematic roles.

## Textbook

Kearns, Kate. 2011. *Semantics*. 2nd edition. Palgrave Macmillan.

## Grading

Your grade will be based on your participation in the in-class sessions and your grade on the endterm test.

## Attendance

No more than three absences are allowed, illness included.

## Weekly Syllabus

Week#	Class content	Reading assignments
Week 1	Introduction	pp. 1-23
Week 2	Basic Logical Tools	pp. 24-44
Week 3	The Logical Quantifiers	pp. 45-56
Week 4	Formal Composition	pp. 57-78
Week 5	Review	
Week 6	Aspectual Classes of Events 1	pp. 156-175
Week 7	Aspectual Classes of Events 2	

<b>Week 8</b>	Tense and Aspect	pp. 176-205
<b>Week 9</b>	<i>Spring break</i>	
<b>Week 10</b>	<i>No class meeting</i>	
<b>Week 11</b>	Thematic Roles	pp. 206-215
<b>Week 12</b>	<b>Endterm Test</b>	

### **Place and Time**

Room XIV

Tuesday 10:00 – 11:40

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