

Semantics and Pragmatics – AN31005BA

3-credit seminar
Spring 2024

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, modality and temporal categories such as tense and aspect.

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 Feb. 14	Introduction	pp. 1-23
Week 2 Feb. 21	Basic Logical Tools	pp. 24-44
Week 3 Feb. 28	The Logical Quantifiers	pp. 45-56
Week 4 Mar. 6	Formal Composition	pp. 57-78
Week 5 Mar. 13	Review	

Week 6 Mar. 20	Modality and Possible Worlds	pp. 79-93
Week 7 Mar. 27	Aspectual Classes of Events	pp. 156-175
Week 8	<i>Spring break</i>	
Week 9 Apr. 10	Tense and Aspect	pp. 176-205
Week 10 Apr. 17	Review	
Week 11 Apr. 24	Endterm Test	
Week 12	<i>No class meeting on May 1</i>	

Place and Time

Room 106
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

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