Global Learning Semesters
Course Syllabus
Course: LALI-362 Semantics and Pragmatics
Department: Language
Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Summary		
Course Code	**Course Title**	**Recommended Credit Hours**
LALI-362	Semantics and Pragmatics	3
Semester Offered	**Contact Hours**	**Prerequisites**
Fall	3	LALI-240 Applied Linguistics, LALI-261 English Morphology and Syntax
Department	**Level of Course**	**Language of Instruction**
Language	Upper Division	English

Course Description

The course includes the following topics: The relationship between what is said and what is conveyed, the interpretation of the speaker's utterance expressing a belief, the role of syntactic structure in interpretation, how do language users understand each other? Sense and reference, Semantic ambiguities, Cross-cultural and cross-linguistic semantics, Speech acts, Reference and Inference, Presuppositions, Cooperation and Implicature, Politeness and Interaction, Relation of pragmatics to syntax and semantics.

Instructor

Dr Maria Kogetsidis

Course Aims and Objectives

The goal of the course is to acquaint students with some basic concepts and problems central to the study of semantics and pragmatics within current linguistic theory. The course will look at the variety of meanings which words and other linguistic expressions can encode, the nature of communication and the relation between language and communication.

Teaching Methods

Facilities are available for PowerPoint lecture presentations, VCRs, Online Computers, Computer Labs. Teachers may also use a mix of lectures, tutorials, case studies, student presentations, group work, role play, literature review, analysis of research data, and field visits and have visiting specialists give lectures.

Course Teaching Hours

3 hours a week over a thirteen week semester.

Evaluation and Grading

Final exam: 40%
Midterm: 30%
Continuous: 30%

Readings and Resources

Required Textbook
Cliff Goddard, Semantic Analysis - A Practical Introduction, , Oxford University Press, 1998
George Yule, Pragmatics, Oxford University Press, 1996

Recommended Reading
Cann, Ronnie, Formal Semantics, (Cambridge UP, 1993)
Hunford, James R., and Brendon Hensley, Semantics, (Cambridge UP, 1988)
Jackendoff, Ray, Semantics and Cognition, (MIT Press, 1985)
Kempson, R Semantic Theory, (Cambridge UP, 1977)
Lappin, Shalom, Handbook of Contemporary Semantic Theory, (Blackwell, 1997)
Leech, G.N., Principles of Pragmatics, (Longman, 1983)
Levin, Beth, and Steven Pinker (eds.), Lexical and Conceptual Semantics, (Blackwell, 1992)
Levinson, S., Pragmatics, (Cambridge UP, 1983)
Sweeter, Eve E., From Etymology to Pragmatics, (Cambridge UP, 1991)