

Semantics and Pragmatics

Prerequisite: An Introduction to Linguistics

Credit Hours: (2)

This course presents the basic concepts of Semantics and Pragmatics. The goal of this course is to introduce some basic approaches to the study of meaning.

During the course, we will deal with the study of conventional (compositional meaning), and interactional meaning. Some concepts that we will focus on are linguistic meaning, linguistic and encyclopedic knowledge, mentalese, word semantics, sentence semantics, semantic domains, semantic components, context and inference, speech act theory, and presupposition.