

Syllabus

Department	Department of English Studies					Year			2024/ 2025			
Course	Semantics						ECTS			3		
Study programme	English Studies											
Level of study programme	⊠ Undergraduate			☐ Graduate ☐ Integrate			□ Integrated	□ Postgraduate				
Type of study programme	☐ Single major ☑ Double major			⊠ University			□ Professional □			□ Specialized		
Year of study		□ 1		□ 2			⊠ 3			, +		□ 5
Semester	⊠ Winter □ Summer			□I				□ III □ VIII				☑ V☐ X
Status of the course	⊠C	ompul	sory]	□ Elective	e	☐ Elective co offered to stude from othe departmen	dents er		Teaching □ You Competencies □ You		
Workload	30	L	15	s	0	E	Internet so	ources f	rces for e-learnii			⊠ YES □ NO
Location and time of instruction	Monday, 10-12, room 143 (lectures), 12-14, room 157 (seminars)					Language(s) in which the course is taught				English		
Course start date	7 October 2024 Course end						e end d	ate	20 January 2025			
Enrolment requirements	Enrolment in the 5th semester of the undergraduate English Studies											
Course coordinator	Sanja Škifić, Ph.D., Full Professor											
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Assistant/ Associate												



E-mail	Consultation hours							
Mode of	⊠ Lectures	⊠ Seminars	□ Exercises	□ E	□ E-learning		□ Field work	
teaching		☐ Multimedia and network			☐ Mentoring		□ Other	
Learning outco	mes		course students		iire basi	c know	ledge in	
		the field of semantics, and will be able to: -define basic semantic concepts and interpret their relationship -analyze relations between different linguistic structures of the English language (phonological, morphological and syntactic) and the semantic dimension of language -interpret the relevance of linguistic usage and extralinguistic context in the analysis of meaning -analyze the cognitive dimension in the description of meaning						
Learning outco			describe relevant i					
Programme lev	vei		ent approaches, pe		is and K	nowiea	ge	
		through an interdisciplinary approach -use and assess semantic theories in the explanation of the meaning of the language and resolve misunderstandings in communication						
Assessment	⊠ Class attendance	☐ Preparation for class	□ Homework		Continu evaluati		Research	
criteria	☐ Practical work	□ Experimental work	☐ Presentation		□ Project		□ Seminar	
	⊠ Test(s)	⊠ Written exam			☐ Other: weekly assignments			
Conditions for permission to take the exam	Regular class attendance and completed weekly assignments. Note: Every three weeks students will be given short assignments to assess their knowledge, which will collectively account for 20% of their final grade. The assignments will follow the course topics, requiring students to stay current with the content to successfully complete them.							
Exam periods	⊠ Wi		☐ Summe	er	⊠ Autumn			
Exam dates	https://anglistika i-rol					ttps://anglistika.uniz d.hr/ispitni-rokovi		
Course		The aim of the course is to introduce the basic concepts and relations that emerg						
description	within a range of semantic phenomena. Students are acquainted with the traditional and contemporary theoretical frameworks within which such phenomena are							
	analyzed. The phenomena are analyzed primarily on the lexical level, as well as on							
	paradigmatic and syntagmatic levels.							
	Students are acquainted with basic semantic phenomena in class and through readings of literature relevant for a particular area of research. Through individual assignments, students will learn to identify and analyze the same phenomena.							
Course content	Lectures:							
	 Introduction to semantics as a linguistic discipline – A brief historical overview and relationship with other disciplines Characteristics and types of linguistic meaning Analysis of the linguistic sign (de Saussure, Ogden and Richards) Reference 							
	 5. Sense relations I: Synonymy and antonymy 6. Sense relations II: Homonymy, polysemy and hyponymy 7. Mid-term test 8. Meaning of lexemes – componential analysis 							
		9. Semantic fields						



	10. Metaphor and metonymy							
	11. Collocations and idioms							
	12. Cognitive semantics: categorization and prototype theory							
	13. Semantics and syntax; semantics and pragmatics 14. Meaning and logic							
	15. End-term test	•						
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Required	1. Hurford, James R., et al. Semantics - A Course Book. Cambridge: Cambridge							
reading	University Press.		Langu	age. An Introductio	n to Coman	tice and	Dragmatics	
	Oxford: Oxford U				ii to seiliali	lics alic	i Pragmanes.	
				English Semantics.	London & I	New Yo	rk:	
	Routledge. 1998.							
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	Press.1976.	Iohncon	Marle 1	980. Metaphors We	Livo Dv. Ch	icago: (Chicago	
	University Press.	Joinison,	main. 1	980. Metaphors we	Live by. Ci	iicago. v	Cilicago	
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reading	University Press.		mantice	. Cambridge: Camb	ridao Univo	rcity Dr	acc 1086	
	3. Lyons, John. Semantics (Vol I and Vol II). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 1977.							
	4. Gregory, Howard. Semantics. London & New York: Routledge. 2000.							
Internet sources								
			Final e	xam only				
		exam [☐ Final written		☐ Practical	
Assessment	☐ Final written			Final oral exam	and oral e	work and final exam		
criteria of		⊠ Tests	s and					
learning outcomes		week			□ Seminar		, □ other	
outcomes	Only	assignments/ paper Practical paper						
	test/homework	week	worl	X				
Calculation of	100/ mid torm t	assignm		m tost and 200/ ru	exam	monto	or Coll final	
final grade	40% mid-term test, 40% end-term test and 20% weekly assignments or 80% final written exam and 20% weekly assignments							
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	Note: Every three weeks students will be given assignments to assess their knowledge,							
	which will collectively account for 20% of their final grade. The assignments will follow the source tonics, requiring students to stay surrout with the content to							
	follow the course topics, requiring students to stay current with the content to successfully complete them. The final grade represents the combination of the results							
	obtained on the mid-term exam (40%), end-term exam (40%) and completed							
	assignments (20%). Students who do not pass both the mid-term and end-term							
	exams have to take the final written exam. Their final grade represents the combination of the results obtained on the final written exam (80%) and completed							
	assignments (20%).							
Grading scale	0%-59%	Failure (1	1)					
	60%-69%	Satisfact	ory (2)					
	70%-79%	Good (3)						
	80%-89%	Very goo						
	90%-100% Excellent (5)							
Course evaluation	☑ Student evaluations conducted by the University							
procedures	☐ Student evaluations conducted by the Department							
Procedures	☐ Internal evaluation of teaching							



	☐ Department meetings discussing quality of teaching and results of student
	evaluations
	□ Other
Note /Other	In accordance with Art. 6 of the <i>Code of Ethics</i> of the Committee for Ethics in Science and Higher Education, "the student is expected to fulfil his/her obligations honestly and ethically, to pursue academic excellence, to be civilized, respectful and free from prejudice." According to Art. 14 of the University of Zadar's <i>Code of Ethics</i> , students are expected to "fulfil their responsibilities responsibly and conscientiously. [] Students are obligated to safeguard the reputation and dignity of all members of the university community and the University of Zadar as a whole, to promote moral and academic
	values and principles. [] Any act constituting a violation of academic honesty is ethically prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: - various forms of fraud such as the use or possession of books, notes, data, electronic
	gadgets or other aids during examinations, except when permitted; -various forms of forgery such as the use or possession of unauthorised materials during the exam; impersonation and attendance at exams on behalf of other students; fraudulent study documents; forgery of signatures and grades; falsifying exam results."
	All forms of unethical behaviour will result in a negative grade in the course without the possibility of compensation or repair. In case of serious violations the Rulebook on Disciplinary Responsibility of Students at the University of Zadar will be applied.
	In electronic communications only messages coming from known addresses with a first and a last name, and which are written in the Croatian standard and appropriate academic style, will be responded to.
	This course uses the Merlin system for e-learning, so students are required to have an AAI account.