LING 113 SEMANTICS GENERAL INFO

COURSE CREDIT REQUIREMENTS & GRADING

Your final grade will depend on the number of points you score. You can get the maximum of 100 points if you

- attend lectures: each unexcused absence reduces your score by 2.5 points; good attendance can give you up to 10 bonus points
- hand in 2 written assignments a maximum of 15 points each
 - If you have questions about the homework, you can come to my office hours (cf. below).
 - Each assignment not handed in reduces your score by 15 points. Each late day reduces your score by 1 point, up to five days after the due date.
 - You may work on an assignment together but write it up yourself. If you worked together with another student, note their name on your assignment.
- pass a midterm exam for a maximum of 35 points, and a final exam for a maximum of 35 points
 - If you encounter a scheduling conflict with the examination dates, please notify me by 13 April so that we may arrange an alternative date.
 - Both the midterm and the final exam are closed book and closed notes. No additional materials will be necessary.

COURSE MATERIALS & READINGS

Copies of all course materials, including readings and the assignments to be handed in, will be available on the course web page:

http://www.linguistics.ucsb.edu/faculty/swulff/teaching/01 Ling113.html

SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS

University policy requests that any accommodation must be initiated by the student. If you need special accommodations for the examinations, or if you have other learning needs that your TA or instructor should be aware of, you may request accommodations by contacting the Disabled Students Program.

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LING 113 SEMANTICS SYLLABUS

1	30 Mar	General introduction
2	1 Apr	Word meanings: Necessary and sufficient approaches (Introduction)
		Reading: Hanks (1987)
		Homework: worksheet <i>Definitions</i>
3	6 Apr	Word meanings: Necessary and sufficient approaches (Practice)
4	8 Apr	NO CLASS
5	13 Apr	Natural Semantic Metalanguage
		Homework: worksheet <i>NSM</i>
6	15 Apr	Word meaning: lexical relations
		Homework: worksheet <i>Lexical Relations</i>
7	20 Apr	Cognitive lexical semantics/Lexical networks
		Homework: worksheet LIES and worksheet OVER
8	22 Apr	Cognitive lexical semantics: categorization, prototypes, and polysemy
		Reading: Sandra & Rice (1995)
9	27 Apr	Cognitive lexical semantics: metaphor and metonymy
		Homework: prepare for midterm ©
10	29 Apr	MIDTERM EXAM
11	4 May	Sentence meaning: truth relations
		Homework: worksheet <i>Truth Relations</i>
	6 May	Sentence meaning: participants, scenarios, and constructional meaning
12		Homework: worksheet <i>Linguistic/Empirical Truth</i> and
12		worksheet Roles / Situations
		ASSIGNMENT 1 DUE
13	11 May	Acquisition of semantics I
14	13 May	Acquisition of semantics II
15	18 May	Methodology: corpus-based approaches I
		Reading: Gries & Divjak (to appear)
		ASSIGNMENT 2 DUE
16	20 May	Methodology: corpus-based approaches II
17	27 May	Methodology: experimental and psycholinguistic approaches
18	1 Jun	Pragmatics and utterance meanings
		Homework: worksheet <i>Pragmatics</i>
19	3 Jun	Revision and evaluation
	TBA	FINAL EXAM

LING 113 SEMANTICS REFERENCES

Books and articles

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Note: References marked with [web] are available on the course website.

Links

Freemind mindmapping software: < http://freemind.sourceforge.net/>