The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Semantics - 36609

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<u>HU Credits:</u> 4

<u>Degree/Cycle:</u> 1st degree (Bachelor)

<u>Responsible Department:</u> Linguistics

<u>Academic year:</u> 0

<u>Semester:</u> 1st Semester

<u>Teaching Languages:</u> English

<u>Campus:</u> Mt. Scopus

<u>Course/Module Coordinator:</u> Prof Luka Crnic

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<u>Teaching Staff:</u>

Prof Luka Crnic

Course/Module description:
  The course will introduce you to the fundamental concepts and techniques in semantics and pragmatics. We will develop a formal theory while carefully studying selected phenomena in natural language (English and other languages). Some of the big questions that we will tackle pertain to the relation between natural language and logic, to the division of labor between semantics and pragmatics, to issues of compositionality, to how intonation may affect meaning, and to how we should model belief and desire. You will learn that semantics (and pragmatics) are vibrant fields in linguistics, with great relevance for, and many connections to, various other fields (philosophy, psychology, computer science, etc).

Course/Module aims:
  as specified in the course description

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
  specified in the course description

Attendance requirements(%):
  100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: two lectures a week

Course/Module Content:
  as specified in the course description

Required Reading:
 Heim, Irene and Angelika Kratzer. 1998. Semantics in Generative Grammar. Blackwell.
(Textbook)

 Additional Reading Material:

 Grading Scheme:

Active Participation / Team Assignment 10 %
Submission assignments during the semester: Exercises / Essays / Audits / Reports / Forum / Simulation / others 60 %
Mid-terms exams 30 %

<u>*Additional information:*</u>
The written examination is in-class, it will take place a couple of weeks before the end of the semester.