LEXICOLOGY AND LEXICAL SEMANTICS

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DEPARTMENT: ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Course code: ENN 404

Year/semester: 1/1

Optional/Compulsory: optional

Course prerequisites: Introduction to the study of English language, morphology. Familiarity with the basic concepts of general linguistics and semantics.

Weeks per semester / Hours weekly: 15/2

Student's workload (ECTS): 4 ECTS credits

Learning outcomes and competences:
This course is designed to deepen and strengthen the knowledge of English vocabulary, its history and structure.

Aims/Course description:
The aim of this course is twofold. On the one hand (regarding the knowledge to be acquired), the students will be given a thorough overview of the history of lexical description and of the specific contribution of cognitive linguistics to the field.
Topics to be discussed are:

1. Introduction – A brief history of what has been thought and written about language, thought and conceptualization
2. Where do English words come from? The background of English borrowings.
3. Etymology
4. Design features of human languages
5. Language as a sign system. What is a word?
6. Word formation (inflection, derivation, compounds…)
7. Approaches to meaning. Meaning components. Meaning relations in the lexicon. synonymy, antonymy, hyponymy and meronymy
9. Linguistic categorization, prototypes
10. Phraseology: phrases, proverbs, and collocations. Figurative meanings in phraseology

Teaching methods: lectures, seminars, discussion, tutorials

Examination methods/Course completion proof: written, seminar paper, attendance

Quality assurance methods: self-evaluation, internal and external evaluation

Literature

a) Compulsory

b) selected readings
- D. Škara: Vocabulary, Culture, Cognition, (in print)

Video: http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/steven_pinker_chalks_it_up_to_the_blank_slate.html

Journals: Lexis, E-Journal in English Lexicology (by Denis Jamet)

Academic Integrity:

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Syllabus 2008/2009

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|                                            | **The body and mind**                       |
| **Week 7**                                  | **Week 8**                                  |
| **Linguistic categorization, prototypes**    | **Workshop: Project presentation**         |
| **Week 9**                                  | **Week 10**                                 |
| **Cognitive Semantics : Metaphor, metonymy, image schemas, polysemy, mental space** | **Crosslinguistic aspects of lexical semantics** |
| **Week 11**                                 | **Week 12**                                 |
| **Review, discussions**                     | **13Final exam!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**             |
Requirements

- Regular class attendance and active participation in class discussions
- Assignments handed in on time

Notice: (Assignments should be clean, clear and in the form of computer printout whenever possible. Discussion among classmates is encouraged but the final version must be of your own)

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- D. Škara (1997): Glas tradicije, Zagreb/Mostar, Ziral

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Bibliography of linguistics papers dealing with lexical semantics


Anscombe and Ducrot Théorie de l'argumentation dans la langue.


Rib, P. U. Une démarche scientifique pour l'élaboration d'une pédagogie de l'enseignement des langues adaptée la Carabe.


