

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

8. Metaphor, Metonymy, Cognitive capacities.
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

- D.A: Cruse (1986): Lexical Semantics. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (selected chapters)
- J. Aitchison. (1987): Words in the Mind, Oxford: Blackwell. (selected chapters)

b)selected readings

- A.P.Cowie Phraseology: Theory, Analysis and Applications, Oxford: OUP, 2001. (selected chapters)
- D. Škara (1992): (co-author: P. Mikić): Kontrastivni rječnik poslovice, Zagreb, August Cesarec/Školska knjiga.
- D. Škara (1997): Glas tradicije, Zagreb/Mostar, Ziral.
- D. Škara: Vocabulary, Culture, Cognition, (in print)
- H. Jackson & Etienne Ze' Amvela (2000): Words, Meaning and Vocabulary. An Introduction to Modern English Lexicology, London: Cassell.
- J. Aitchison. (1987): Words in the Mind, Oxford: Blackwell. (selected chapters)
- J. Coleman & Kay, C.J. (1998): Lexicology, Semantics and Lexicography, Amsterdam/Philadelphia: John Benjamins Publishing Company. (selected chapters)
- L. Lipka (1992): An Outline of English Lexicology, Tübingen: Max Niemeyer Verlag.
- R. Moon (1998): Fixed Expressions and Idioms in English, Oxford: Clarendon Press.
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Video:

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Journals: [*Lexis, E-Journal in English Lexicology* \(by Denis Jamet\)](#)

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Week 7 Linguistic categorization, prototypes	Week 8 Workshop: Project presentation
Week 9 Cognitive Semantics : Metaphor, metonymy, image schemas, polysemy, mental space	Week 10 Crosslinguistic aspects of lexical semantics
Week 11 Review, discussions	Week 12 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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