

## COURSE OUTLINE

### 1. Course and Instructor Information

<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Semantics and Pragmatics</b>	<b>Course code</b>	ENG 458
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<b>Course Instructor</b>	Name	
	College	College of Arabic Language and Social Studies
	Office Number	
	Email	
	Office Hours	

### 2. Course Objective

The present course aims at introducing students to meaning in linguistics, which is handled by two sub disciplines: Semantics, which studies the conventional lexical and compositional meanings, and pragmatics, which studies interactional/contextual meaning.

### 3. Topics to be covered

No.	Topic	No. of weeks	Contact Hours
1	Course Outline	1	3
2	Introduction to the field of semantics: semantics distinguished from pragmatics, types of meaning, important concepts in the study of meaning	2	6
3	Adjective meanings: sense relations relevant to adjectives, constructions with adjectives, gradeability	2	6
4	Noun vocabulary: the <i>has</i> -relation, hyponymy, incompatibility, count and mass nouns, semantic roles.	2	6
5	Verbs and situations: types of verbs, causatives, unergatives and unaccusatives, situation types	2	6
6	Quantification	2	6
7	Implicatures	3	9
8	Tense and aspect	1	3

### 4. Prescribed textbook

Griffiths, P. (2006). *An Introduction to English Semantics and Pragmatics*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

### 5. Assessment

No.	Assessment task	Week due	Proportion of total assessment
1	Participation & Group discussion	1-15	7 %
2	Assignments	1-15	10 %
3	Presentation	1-15	8%
4	Quiz	1-15	10%
5	Midterm Exam	8	15 %
6	Final Exam	16	50 %