Course title: French Language / Text Theory and Practice (Semantics)
Course code: FR0933 (A)
Type of course: compulsory
Level of course: BA
Year of study: 2nd
Semester: 3rd
Number of ECTS credits allocated: 5
Name of the lecturer: Iulian Popescu
Course objective: Familiarize students with knowledge of general semantics and initiate students in the French language semantics.
Course contents: Part I: clarify some terminology-related issues, analysing basic notions of semantics: *language functions, sign, value, referent and reference, meaning and significance, denotation and connotation* etc. Discussion on notions belonging to the generative semantics or Guillaume's psycho mechanics. Part II: approach issues of lexical semantics belonging to the Gramasian perspective: the main concepts operating under this type of semantics (*sem, lexem, clasem, semem, isotopy*). A few lectures on the "semantic relationships" and the "changes of meaning".
Recommended reading: Greimas, A. J., Courtés, Joseph, *Sémiotique. Dictionnaire raisonné de la théorie du langage*, Paris, Hachette, Tome I, 1979; tome II, 1983 ; Greimas, A.J., *Sémantique structurale*, Larousse, Paris, 1966 ; Kerbrat-Orecchioni, C., *La Connotation*, P.U. de Lyon,1977; Le Guern, M., *Sémantique de la métaphore et de la métonymie*, Larousse, Paris, 1973; Picoche, J., *Précis de lexicologie française*, Nathan, Paris, 1977; Popescu, I. *Sémantiques*, Ed. Chemarea, Iasi, 1998; Pottier, B., *Présentation de la linguistique. Fondements d'une théorie*, Klincksieck, Paris, 1967 ; *Sémantique générale*, P.U.F., Paris, 1992 ; Saussure, F. de, *Cours de linguistique générale*, Payot, Paris, 1971
Teaching methods: lectures
Assessment methods: written examination + seminar participation
Language of instruction: French