

Course title: English Language (Elements of English Semantics and Pragmatics)

Course code: EN1051(A), EN1054(B)

Type of course: compulsory

Level of course: BA

Year of study: 3rd

Semester: 5th

Number of ECTS credits allocated: 5/5

Name of the lecturer: Rodica Albu

Course objective: By the end of the semester the students will be able to: (1) operate with basic notions and ideas related to the semantic approach to language; (2) revisit familiar linguistic aspects, this time from the perspective of semantics, discourse analysis and pragmatics; (3) get into the habit of careful thinking about language in general and a language in particular and of connecting old and new information related to the subjects included among the topics of this course.

Course contents: The course tackles the problem of meaning in language at different levels, hence its division into (1) The study of word meaning; (2) The study of phrase and sentence meaning; (3) Discourse meaning, interpersonal meaning; (4) A semantic approach to grammatical categories. Semantics is thus presented in its relation to lexicology, syntax, text grammar and interactional linguistics. The final class is devoted to current trends in English semantics.

Recommended reading: Duțescu-Coliban, Taina, *Grammatical Categories of English*, Ediția a II-a revăzută, București, 1986; Coșeriu, Eugen, "Semantica cognitivă și semantica structurală", in *Prelegeri și conferințe*, Iași, 1994, pp.83-99; Cruse, D. Alan, *Meaning in Language*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000; Hurford, James R., Brendan Heasley, *Semantics: a coursebook*, Second edition, CUP, 2007; Jackson, Howard, *A Semantic Approach to English Grammar*, Longman, London, 1990

Teaching methods: Academic lectures, brainstorming, students' presentations, pair and group work; interactive orientation of lectures and seminars

Assessment methods: Mixed type (continuous assessment, research project, final test)

Language of instruction: English