



Faculdade de Letras

Disciplina: Estudos Temáticos de Língua e Linguística Inglesa: Semântica			Código LET*
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Pré-requisito: Habilidades Integradas III			
Carga horária teórica: 60 h	Carga horária prática	Total: 60 h	Nº créditos: 04
Ementa: Introdução ao estudo do significado em lingua inglesa e em seu uso. Conceitos fundamentais da semântica e da pragmática.			

Conteúdo Programático (unidades e subunidades)

1. The meaning of *meaning*

Natural vs. 'communicative' meaning

Animal vs. human communication

What makes human language unique?

What makes human linguistic communication unique?

Meaning and intentions

Sentences vs. utterances

Semantics vs. pragmatics

Context *independent* vs. context dependent meaning

Implied meaning—*implicatures*

Pronouns (*indexicals*)

Ambiguity

2. Semantics = linguistic meaning = sentence meaning

'Outward looking' semantics: reference, denotation and extension

'Sense' and representation

'Inward looking' semantics: cognitivism, internalism, intension

The principle of compositionality

Intuition and formality

3. Sense-relations

Homonymy and polysemy

Synonymy, antonymy, hyponymy, meronymy

'Inward looking' word meaning: concepts

4. What are concepts?

Lexical decomposition

Prototype theory

5. Meaning and intentions

Ostensive and non-ostensive behaviour

Natural and non-natural meaning

Accidental information transmission

Covert information transmission

Full-blown intentional—*ostensive*—communication

6. Speech acts

Constatives and performatives

Felicity conditions: misfires and abuses

Locutionary/illocutionary/perlocutionary acts

7. Implied meaning - How is it derived?

Norms of communication: Grice's insight

Implication and the derivation of implicatures

Bibliografia básica (listar no mínimo 4 e no máximo 6 livros,informando se o livro é encontrado nas bibliotecas da UFMG)

1. Blakemore, D. (1992) *Understanding Utterances*. Oxford: Blackwell. [Excellent introduction to relevance-theoretic pragmatics]
2. Chierchia, G. & S. McGonnell-Ginet (1990) *Meaning and Grammar: an introduction to semantics*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. [Biblioteca da FALE - Número de chamada: 412 C533 m 1992]
3. Cruse, A. (2000) *Meaning in Language*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
4. Larson, R. & G. Segal. (1995) *Knowledge of Meaning: an introduction to semantic theory*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press
5. Saeed, J. (1997) *Semantics*. Oxford: Blackwell.