

Ling 626: PRAGMATICS
Spring, 2016: No prerequisites
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Overview

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What is Pragmatics?

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The study of meaning in the larger sense

- 1 Wait, I thought semantics was the study of meaning.
- 2 Semantics is the study of literal meaning, meaning independent of context, focusing on the path from syntax to literal meaning
- 3 Pragmatics is the study of how literal meaning, context, and linguistic form determine **conveyed meaning**
- 4 Most of what's fun in the study of meaning is pragmatics
- 5 Most of how language can be used to **communicate** is studied in pragmatics

Class goals

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Who it's for

- 1 Graduate students and upper division undergraduates
- 2 Students with no knowledge of semantics but some grasp of language and language structure and the social function of language who are interested in how language is used to communicate..

Class prereqs

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- 1 None
- 2 Conflicts with what's in the catalog, which says that Semantics (Ling 525) is a prereq
- 3 The two topics are naturally joined at the hip.
- 4 No need to teach pragmatics **second**
- 5 I won't teach it that way.

Topics

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Implicature	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Grice: Why a theory of implicature2. Typology of implicatures and Gricean maxims
Speech Acts	<ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Austin & Searle4. Speech act analysis in text
Presupposition	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Definite reference & presupposition6. Lexical presupposition
Deixis	<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. Deictic pronouns8. Spatial deixis9. Social deixis
Conversational Structure	<ol style="list-style-type: none">10. Discourse versus conversation11. Turn-taking, adjacency pairs, and sequences

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Units

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For each unit we read a text book chapter and do some exercises. We also read some papers. Each paper is presented by a student. Every student must do a presentation. There is also a final paper outline due in week 12, and a final paper due finals week. Students are encouraged to choose papers to present that relate to their final paper topics.

- 1 Implicature
- 2 Speech Acts
- 3 Presupposition
- 4 Deixis
- 5 Conversational structure