

Ling 120C: Semantics 1

when: Fall 2016, MW 12-2

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expectations:

reading & attendance (30% of your grade); homework (40% of your grade); final exam/paper (30% of your grade)

reading:

Meaning: a slim guide to semantics, by Paul Elbourne (2011), and supplementary reading posted on the website

week	date	topic	readings	homework due
1	Sept. 26 Sept. 28	introduction lexical semantics 1	Elbourne Chapter 1	
2	Oct. 3 Oct. 5	lexical semantics 2 lexical semantics 3	Elbourne Ch 2 (p14-17) & AAD Ch 2 Elbourne Ch 2 (p18-32)	homework 1
3	Oct. 10 Oct. 12	compositionality propositional semantics 1	Pelletier 1994 §1, 7, 3, 4 Elbourne Chapter 4	homework 2
4	Oct. 17 Oct. 19	propositional semantics 2 presupposition	AAD Chapter 4 (p26-41) Elbourne Chapter 5 (p65-72)	homework 3
5	Oct. 24 Oct. 26	ambiguity predicate logic 1	Elbourne Chapter 5 (p72-98) AAD Chapter 5 (p58-72)	homework 4
6	Oct. 31 Nov. 2	predicate logic 2 tense & aspect	AAD Chapter 5 (p72-83) Lyons 1995 §10.3-10.4	homework 5
7	Nov. 7 Nov. 9	modals and intensionality meaning & context 1	AAD Chapter 7 (p108-119) Elbourne Chapter 7 (p111-127)	homework 6
8	Nov. 14 Nov. 16	semantics & the law meaning & context 2	Elbourne Chapter 7 (p128-139)	
9	Nov. 21 Nov. 23	speech acts CLASS CANCELED	Lyons 1977 §16.1	
10	Nov. 28 Nov. 30	linguistic relativity exam review	Elbourne Chapter 8	homework 7

course info: The course's CCLE page is at <https://ccle.ucla.edu/course/view/16F-LING120C-1>. Please check it regularly for homework assignments, schedule changes, announcements, and supplementary course material.

reading & attendance: There is assigned reading for almost every class. You will be tested on it by a short (one-question) quiz at the beginning of each class, so please take reading and (punctual) attendance seriously. To build in some flexibility, we will drop your two lowest quiz scores.

homework: Homework assignments are due at noon most Wednesdays. You may submit them in class or via email (to Viiu) as a scanned .pdf. **We will not accept late homework assignments, no matter what the excuse.** To build in some flexibility, we will drop your lowest homework score. You may discuss assignments with others, but they must be written up on your own and in your own words. If we receive assignments or exams that are improbably similar we will give an F to each student on that assignment. Repeat offenders will be brought to the Dean of Students.

final: The final is **December 7th from 3-6pm**. It will cover the whole quarter, but will be open-book and open-note. You can, instead, optionally write a 10-page paper; contact Prof. Rett before Week 10 if you'd prefer this option.

inquisitive minds: You are encouraged to ask as many questions as you'd like about course content and semantics in general. The best time to do this is during class, section, or in the instructors' regularly scheduled office hours. If you cannot attend these office hours but have specific questions, please email either of the instructors to schedule an appointment. To ensure that all students have equal access to instructors' time, we will not respond to emails from students, with the exception of homework submissions or requests for meetings.