

Semantics 1

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when: Tuesdays/Thursdays, 9–11a

expectations:

- weekly reading
- weekly homework
- one in-class presentation of an article
- one of the following end-of-quarter options:
 - a long (10–20p) term paper on a topic of your choice; or
 - a short (5–10p) term paper and a final exam

reading details

- Heim & Kratzer's *Semantics in Generative Grammar*
- historic articles in semantics, pragmatics and the philosophy of language (available on the course CCLE website)
- supplements: *Formal Semantics: essential readings* by Portner & Partee
Logic in Linguistics by Alwood, Andersson and Dahl (**introductory**)
An Introduction to Montague Semantics by Dowty, Wall & Peters (**advanced**)

homework details

- homework will be assigned on Thursdays and due the following Tuesday
- you may discuss the assignments in groups, but:
 - complete them on your own;
 - indicate to me who you worked with.
- bring homework with you to class on Tuesday. We will start each class by grading the homework together, so it's important that you're on time.

paper details

- final paper due **Friday, March 20**
- all final papers must be discussed with me in a scheduled meeting before **March 1**.

tentative schedule

week	topic	date	reading
1.	INTRODUCTION SETS AND FUNCTIONS	Tuesday January 6 Thursday January 8	– HK Chapters 1,2
2.	SEMANTICS AT THE INTERFACE RELATIVE CLAUSES	Tuesday, January 13 Thursday, January 15	HK Chapter 3,4 HK Chapter 5
3.	RELATIVE CLAUSES CONT'D QUANTIFIERS	Tuesday, January 20 Thursday, January 22	Caponigro (2004) HK Chapter 6
4.	QUANTIFIERS CONT'D MORE QUANTIFIERS	Tuesday, January 27 Thursday, January 29	Partee (1987) HK Chapter 7
5.	OTHER NPs MORE QUANTIFIERS CONT'D	Tuesday, February 3 Thursday, February 5	Carlson (1977) HK Chapter 8
6.	EVENTS PRONOUNS & BINDING	Tuesday, February 10 Thursday, February 12	Partee (1984) HK Chapter 9
7.	DEGREES PRONOUNS & BINDING	Tuesday, February 17 Thursday, February 19	Schwarzschild (2008) HK Chapter 10
8.	DONKEYS DONKEYS CONT'D	Tuesday, February 24 Thursday, February 26	Lewis (1975) HK Chapter 11
9.	NPIs & MONOTONICITY LOOKING FORWARD	Tuesday, March 3 Thursday, March 12	Ladusaw (1979) HK Chapter 5
10.	SPEECH ACTS PRAGMATICS	Tuesday, March 10 Thursday, March 12	Sadock (2006) Grice (1975)

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