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## Semantics

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# Pragmatics

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#### **Course Objectives**

#### By the end of the course, students should be able to:

- **1-** Demonstrate knowledge of the theoretical and practical aspects of collocation and the semantic field.
- **2-** Show knowledge of sense relations, language universals, Speech Act theory, Implicature and the Maxims of Grice.
- **3-** Apply the above theories in analyzing and describing actual texts.
- **4-** Be able to supply and use semantic and pragmatic notions in actual communication in various contexts.

#### **Textbooks and References**

#### - Textbooks:

Palmer, F. R. (1981). Semantics. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press.

#### References:

Hurford, James R. et al. (2007). Semantics: a Course Book. *Cambridge, Cambridge* University Press.

Alkhuli, Mohammed A. (2008) An Introduction to Semantics. Dar Alfalah.

#### **Teaching Methods**

#### The course makes use of the following teaching/learning methods:

- 1- Recorded and live lectures given by the teacher.
- 2- Teacher-prepared PowerPoint presentations.
- 3- Weekly discussion topics posted on the course's online forum.
- 4- Monthly Homework given through Blackboard.



#### **Course Evaluation**

Activity	Points
Attending recorded and live lectures	10
Active participation in weekly discussion	10
topics on Blackboard course forums	
Homework	3+3+4=10
Final Exam	70
Total	100

#### **Office Hours**

- **1-** The time of weekly office hours and the contact number will be announced through Blackboard and the Virtual Learning System (VLS).
- **2-** Only questions related to the course content will be answered. For questions related to administrative issues and technical inquiries, please contact the Deanship of E-Learning.
- **3-** Introduce yourself when you call before asking your question.
- **4-** Each caller will be given 5 minutes of time in order to give other students a chance to ask their questions.

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