

INTRODUCTION TO LINGUISTICS II: MEANING AND USE

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This course is the second part of the introductory module in English linguistics. It will make you aware of the various functions of language in communication and of crucial aspects of the way in which meaning is communicated by means of language. Starting out from an introduction to basic aspects of communication in general (semiotics), in which the notion of a sign and various types of signs will be the centre of discussion, the seminar will cover major topics from semantics, concentrating on the meaning of words (lexical semantics) and various methods/ ways to investigate it. In order to study how speakers communicate meanings/ intentions in real contexts, the seminar will furthermore introduce the student to basic aspects of pragmatics.

Requirements:

1. Come to class prepared, and participate
2. Short homework assignments
3. Final Exam