

Course description

Descriptif du cours

Department : ENGLISH

Instructor (s): FETHI HELAL

Academic year: 2021-2022

Level: MA 1

Course title: PRAGMATICS

Course outline:

Week 1. Introductory notes

Week 2. Pragmatics: Origins, Definition, Scope and influences

Week 3. Language as action- Speech Act Theory

Week 4/5. Gricean and neo-Gricean pragmatics

Week 6. Relevance theory

Week 7. Brown and Levinson's theory of politeness

Week 8. Pragmatics and psychology: Deictic reference and gesture

Week 9. Pragmatics and ethnology: The interface of language, culture and cognition

Week 10. Pragmatics and sociology: Everyday social interaction

Week 9. Pragmatics and anthropology: Cultural ways of speaking

Week 11. Intercultural pragmatics

Week 12. Historical pragmatics

Week 13. Doing project work in pragmatics: Methodological issues

Course objectives:

- Students will develop an understanding of how different levels of meaning in situated language use can be generated using different theoretical frameworks.
- They develop the ability to compare the power of each theory in the explanation of different linguistic phenomena.
- The overall objective is to provide students with the requisite practical skills to analyze real-life examples of language in use in different cultures and settings using different frameworks.

Method of evaluation:

1. **Continuous:** ongoing students' engagement, classroom presentations and paper writing
2. **Summative: Achievement test by the end of S1**

References:

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