LING-053 Semantics 1

Winter 2004

February 3, 2004

General information

- **Class**: M W F 9:30am Merrill 102
- **Instructor**: Prof. Michela Ippolito (ippolito@ucsc.edu)
- **Teaching Assistants**:
  - Peter Alrenga (palrenga@ucsc.edu)
  - James Isaacs (isaacs@ucsc.edu)
- **Sections**: T 8am (Peter Alrenga), W 7pm (Peter Alrenga), R 6pm (James Isaacs), F 8am (James Isaacs)
- **Office hours**:
  - Michela Ippolito: R 12-1pm (Stevenson 271)
  - Peter Alrenga: W 1pm-2pm (Linguistics Graduate Commons)
  - James Isaacs: W 11am-noon (Stevenson 243)

Course requirements

1. Weekly homeworks, a midterm and a “take home” final exam.
2. Readings.
3. Participation in class and readings.
4. Here is how each requirement counts in the final evaluation and grade:
   - **Homework (seven)**: 56%
   - Midterm: 14%
   - Take Home Final Exam: 20%
   - Attendance and participation: 10%
Policies

1. Attending the lectures AND the sections is mandatory.

2. The homeworks will be distributed on Monday and must be returned the next Monday.

3. Late homeworks will not be accepted. You will fail the class if you miss more than two homeworks.

4. You are welcome to work together on all assignments. However, you MUST do the writing on your own. ALWAYS indicate who you worked with.
Syllabus

• WEEK 1: Introduction to semantics. What is linguistic meaning?
  January 5: Introduction to semantics
  January 7: Cancelled
  January 9: Prof. Donka Farkas will lecture.

• WEEK 2: Different meanings and readings
  January 12: Different types of meanings (Löbner 2)
  January 14: Meanings and readings (Löbner 3)
  January 16: Meanings and readings (Löbner 3).

• WEEK 3: Meaning and Logic
  January 19: Holiday
  January 21: Meaning and logic (Löbner 4).
  January 23: Meaning and logic (Löbner 4)

• WEEK 4: Meaning and Use I: Implicatures and Presuppositions
  January 26: Meaning and Logic (Löbner 4, 5);
  January 28: Implicatures (Levinson)
  January 30: Implicatures

• WEEK 5: Meaning and Use II: Speech Acts
  February 2: Presuppositions (Chierchia, Green).
  February 4: Presupposition projection
  February 6: More on pragmatics.

• WEEK 6: Formal semantics I
  February 9: Predication: verbs, arguments and thematic roles MIDTERM DISTRIBUTED (due Wednesday February 18)
  February 11: Quantifiers and predicate logic (Saeed 10.1, 10.2, 10.3)
  February 13: Continued (Saeed 10.4, 10.5)

• WEEK 7: Formal semantics II
  February 16: Holiday
  February 18: Natural language quantifiers (Saeed 10.7) (Midterm due today in class!)
  February 20: Quantification over situations

• WEEK 8: Formal semantics III
  February 23: Intensionality: possible worlds. Modality (Löbner 10.4)
  February 25: Reporting other people’s thought and beliefs.
  February 27: Tense and Aspect (Reichenbach)

• WEEK 9: The definite and indefinite article in natural language
  March 1: TBA
  March 3: TBA
  March 5: TBA
• WEEK 10: Meaning and cognition (Löbner 9)
  March 8: Last regular homework distributed today (due on Friday March 12 in class)
  March 10:
  March 12: “TAKE HOME” FINAL EXAM DISTRIBUTED (due on Wednesday March 17 by NOON)