

# **TSL503 Fundamental Aspects of Language Meaning**

**Level:** 5

**Credit Units:** 5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY JULY

## **Synopsis:**

TSL 503 Fundamental Aspects of Language Meaning provides students with an overview of the study of semantics and pragmatics. The core theories and concepts are examined critically, with emphasis on those aspects of meaning of direct relevance to language learning. The course will also examine current trends in research in selected areas of semantics and pragmatics, and consider their implications for language learning and teaching.

## **Topics:**

- Abstract and contextual meaning
- Sentence, utterance and speaker meaning
- The nature of reference and co-reference
- Deixis and distance
- Entailment
- Presupposition
- Lexical semantics
- Pragmatics and indirectness
- Speech Act
- Speech Event
- The Cooperative Principle
- Conventional and conversational implicatures

## **Textbooks:**

Pragmatics. Yule, George. (1996). Oxford University Press. Yule, George Oxford University Press  
ISBN-13: 9780194426732

Cutting, Joan & Kenneth Fordyce (2020) Pragmatics: A Resource Book for Students. Joan Cutting, Kenneth Fordyce Taylor & Francis  
ISBN-13: 9781003010043

**Learning Outcome:**

- Differentiate between different aspects of meaning
- Discuss the connection between context and meaning
- Critique key semantic and pragmatic concepts
- Evaluate the explanatory value of semantic and pragmatic theories and concepts to their understanding of human communication
- Assess the relevance of semantic and pragmatic theories and concepts to their understanding of language learning
- Appraise the applicability of semantic and pragmatic theories and concepts to language teaching

**Assessment Strategies - Regular Semester (Evening Class):**

<b>Components</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Weightage Allocation (%)</b>
Overall Continuous Assessment	TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT 1	40
	PARTICIPATION 1	10
Overall Examinable Components	ECA	50
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

\*The information listed is subject to review and change.