

LING 120C (Semantics I)

Winter 2017

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Lectures

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Textbook

P. Elbourne, *Meaning: A slim guide to meaning*. Oxford University Press.
(available at UCLA Bookstore)
Additional readings will be made available on the course website.

Homework

A weekly homework is due on **Tuesdays at the beginning of class**. Late homeworks are only accepted for full credit in case of documented medical emergency. Otherwise they are accepted with a penalty (-10% if submitted on Wednesday, -20% if submitted on Thursday, not accepted after that).

It is OK to work together on homework problems, but you **have to** write up your own version. Homeworks that are suspiciously similar will be brought to the Dean of Students.

Reading and attendance

You are expected to do the required reading and attend every lecture. Every Thursday at the beginning of class, there will be a very short quiz about that week's reading. There is no make-up for the reading quizzes if you are late or absent, but I will only count your 8 best quizzes.

Scoring

Reading & attendance	20%	[your 8 best reading quizzes]
Homeworks	45%	[9 homeworks]
Final exam (open-note)	35%	

The final exam is on Friday March 24, 11:30 – 2:30. The exam is open note.

Extra credit

You have the opportunity to earn 2% extra credit points by participating in an experiment through the Psychology Department Subject Pool. By participating in experiments, you will have the opportunity to contribute to on-going research at UCLA while getting an inside glimpse of how research studies are conducted.

One credit is given for every hour of experiment participation. If you complete 2 hours of experiments, you will have 2% added to your final grade at the end of the quarter.

The posting and scheduling of experiments is handled via the Psychology Department Subject Pool system at <http://ucla.sona-systems.com/>. More information on how to use the system can be found at www.psych.ucla.edu.

NOTE: Before signing up for experiments, you **MUST** select the course for which you want your experiment credits to count. All experiments for Winter 2017 must be completed by March 16, 2017 (Thursday of 10th Week).

Schedule (subject to change)

Week	Date	Topics covered	Homework	Reading
wk 1	Tue, Jan 10 Thu, Jan 12	Intro: semantics and generative grammar Lexical semantics – part 1		-- Elbourne ch. 1
wk 2	Tue, Jan 17 Thu, Jan 19	Lexical semantics – part 2 Sentences; propositional logic	HW 1 due	Elbourne ch. 2 Elbourne ch. 3; AAD ch. 4 (optional)
wk 3	Tue, Jan 24 Thu, Jan 26	Entailment, possible worlds Presupposition, definite determiners	HW 2 due	Elbourne ch. 4 (up to 55) Elbourne ch. 5 (up to 73)
wk 4	Tue, Jan 31 Thu, Feb 02	Compositionality Structural ambiguity, scope	HW 3 due	Szabó 2012, §3,4 Elbourne ch. 5 (73 – 98)
wk 5	Tue, Feb 07 Thu, Feb 09	Extensions, compositional semantics Negative polarity, monotonicity	HW 4 due	Elbourne ch. 6 Elbourne ch. 4 (55 – 64)
wk 6	Tue, Feb 14 Thu, Feb 16	Predicate logic Quantifiers	HW 5 due	AAD ch. 5 (5.1 – 5.6 only, 5.7 and 5.8 optional) Portner, ch. 6.1
wk 7	Tue, Feb 21 Thu, Feb 23	Meaning and context Pragmatics – part 1	HW 6 due	Elbourne ch. 7 (up to 131) Elbourne ch. 7 (131 – 139)
wk 8	Tue, Feb 28 Thu, Mar 02	Pragmatics – part 2 Meaning and thought	HW 7 due	Kearns, ch. 11 (up to 267) Elbourne ch. 8
wk 9	Tue, Mar 07 Thu, Mar 09	Modality and intensionality – part 1 Modality and intensionality – part 2	HW 8 due	AAD ch. 7
wk 10	Tue, Mar 14 Thu, Mar 16	Tense and aspect Cross-linguistic semantics	HW 9 due	Kearns, ch. 9 Aikhenvald 2006

Fri, Mar 24

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