



المملكة العربية السعودية

وزارة التعليم العالي

جامعة طيبة

كلية المعلمين

Course Description

Course title: Semantics

Course code: 358 Eng

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Office hours: 10-12 Sunday

Date of Final Exam: 30/8/1429AH

Period: 8.00-10.00

Course Objectives:

- (1) Identify the concept of Semantics.
- (2) Identify the relationships between Semantics and Pragmatics.
- (3) Distinguish literal and non-literal use of language.
- (4) Identify denotational and connotational difference in meaning.
- (5) Recognize how language operates at different levels of meaning.
- (6) Submit a comprehensive study of how meaning is structured, expressed in the use of a language.
- (7) Recognize varieties of meaning expressed and understood in the use of language in social interaction.

Course Plan

	Date	Topics
Week 1	2-6/7/1429	- About Semantics - Sentences, utterances and propositions
Week 2	13-9/7/1429	-Sense and reference - Referring expressions - Predicates
Week 3	16-20/7/1429	Sense relations
Week 4	23-27/7/1429	Deixis and definiteness
Week 5	1-5/8/1429	- Workshop - Mid term test
Week 6	8-12/8/1429	Participant roles
Week 7	15-19/8/1429	Logic
Week 8	22-26/8/1429	Speech Acts
Week 9	Thursday 27/8/1429 Wednesday 3/9/1429	Beginning and end of final exams

Mark distribution:

Attendance, homework & participation	10%
Mid-Term Exam	20%
Quizzes	10%
Final Exam	60%
Total	100%



Instructional Procedures:

1. The course will involve effective interaction among the students and the teacher.
2. Lectures will be conducted using weekly hand-outs.
3. Students participation will take the forms of:
 - a. Independent reading and writing.
 - b. Internet search.
 - c. Classroom discussion.
 - d. Practical exercises.
 - e. Written assignments.
 - f. Setting for quizzes, mid-term and final exams.

Textbooks:

Hurfurd, James R. & Heasley, Brendan (1983) *Semantics: A Course Book*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

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