

# H11D504 SEMANTICS

## TERM 1 2017/2018

<p>Lectures:          B. Tuesday, 07.30–09.10 (C2.04)          A. Wednesday, 07.30–09.10 (C1.01)</p>	<p>Course Instructor:          Dr. Susi Yuliawati, M.Hum.          Email: <a href="mailto:susi.yuliawati@unpad.ac.id">susi.yuliawati@unpad.ac.id</a>          Office hours: Tuesday, 09.30–13.00; and by appt.          Thursday, 09.30–13.00; and by appt.</p>
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**Course Description:**

Exploring the definitions of semantics and meaning, types of meaning and semantic fields, semantic relations among words, semantic relations among sentences, and semantic componential analysis.

**Course Objectives:**

Students are expected to be able to explain the definitions of semantics and meaning and describe the types of meaning and semantic fields, the semantic relations among words, the semantic relations among sentences as well as the semantic componential analysis.

**Required Texts:**

Cruse, A. (2010). *Meaning in language: An introduction to semantics and pragmatics*. Oxford & New York: Oxford University Press.

**Supplemental Texts:**

Hurford, J.R., Heasley, B., & Smith, M.B. (2007). *Semantics: A coursebook*. New York: Cambridge University Press.  
 FX. Rahyono. (2012). *Studi makna*. Jakarta: Penaku

**Website Resources:**

<http://blogs.unpad.ac.id/susiyuliawati/>  
<https://besta-indonesia.academia.edu/SusiYuliawati>

### Evaluation Procedures

Grade Categories	Description of the Requirements	Weight Toward Final Grade
Attendance and weekly participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80% of attendance</li> <li>• Start one new discussion thread, comment on messages on at least two different threads.</li> </ul>	20%
Projects	Individual research activities	30%
Midterm Exam	The exam will go around the assigned readings and class discussions to deepen comprehension. You will also be asked to apply the knowledge gained in class to analytic problems.	20%
Final Exam	The exam will go around the assigned readings and class discussions to deepen comprehension. You will also be asked to apply the knowledge gained in class to analytic problems.	30%

## Rough Outline of Course Content

Week	Subject
1	Introduction
2	Fundamental notions: introduction & logical matters
3	Fundamental notions: Types and dimensions of meaning
4	Fundamental notions: Compositionality
5	Words and their meanings: Introduction to lexical semantics
6	Words and their meanings: Contextual variability of word meaning
7	Words and their meanings: sense relations of inclusion and identity
8	Words and their meanings: paradigmatic relations of exclusion and opposition
9	Midterm Exam
10	Words and their meanings: Word fields
11	Words and their meanings: Extentions of meaning
12	Words and their meanings: Sytagmatic relations
13	Words and their meanings: Lexical decompositions
14	Words and their meanings: New approaches in lexical semantics
15	Semantics and grammars: grammatical semantics
16	Final Exam

### **Additional policies:**

#### **Lecture attendance**

For most students, the subject matter of this course will be rather difficult. For this reason, class attendance is absolutely essential. If you fail to attend class, you will fall behind, and you will have great difficulty catching up.

#### **Discussion participation**

It is also essential that students participate in the discussions of weekly lecture. These discussions will reinforce and build upon the course materials. Thus, they are a crucial component to your mastery of the course material.

#### **Course Readings**

Class lectures will for the most part assume that students have read and largely understood the assigned readings. In many cases, the assigned readings will treat a subject in more explanatory depth than could ever be done in class. For this reason, it is crucial that you complete assigned readings before the lecture and discussion periods.

#### **Assignments**

No late assignments or projects will be accepted.