

SCHOOL OF LINGUISTICS AND APPLIED LANGUAGE STUDIES

LING 421, Discourse and Meaning

TRIMESTER 2 2009

13 July to 15 November 2009

Trimester dates

Teaching dates: 13 July to 16 October

Study week: 19 to 23 October

Examination/Assessment period: 27 October to 15 November

LING 421 will be taught in conjunction with LING 321. Please refer to the Course Outline for LING 321. The information there applies also to LING 421 except as specified below.

Learning Objectives

LING 421 has the following objective in addition to those specified for LING 321:

5. demonstrate an understanding of some research which addresses concepts and issues in discourse and meaning.

Expected Workload

Students are expected to devote a total of about 300 hours, spread throughout the trimester, to this course in order to maintain satisfactory progress. The following gives an indication of how that time may be distributed:

Class attendance:

Lectures: 24 hours (2 hours x 12 weeks)

Tutorials: 11 hours (1 hour x 11 weeks)

Reading to prepare for and review lectures and tutorials:
72 hours (6 hours x 12 weeks)

Extended reading, particularly of research studies:
24 hours (2 hours x 12 weeks)

For the assignments (including reading, researching, analysing, writing up):

Assignment 1: 15 hours

Assignment 2: 40 hours

Assignment 3: 24 hours

Assignment 4: 90 hours

Mandatory course requirements

You must hand in the four assignments by 4.00pm on Friday 16 October 2009. You must make a satisfactory attempt at all four assignments. "Satisfactory" means that if an assignment does not reach a C standard, it must nevertheless reflect the fact that the assignment has been taken seriously and that a reasonable amount of effort has been devoted to the topic.

Assessment

LING 421 will be examined by in-term assessment. The final grade will be awarded on the basis of your marks for four assignments (10%, 25%, 15% and 50% respectively). Assignments 1, 2 and 3 are the same as for LING 321, but note that LING 421 has different required lengths for the assignments (see below). Assignment 4 replaces the LING 321 final examination.

	<u>Length</u>	<u>Due date</u>	<u>Contribution to final grade</u>
Assignment 1	800-1000 words	4.00pm, Tue 04 August 2009	10%
Assignment 2	2000-2500 words	4.00pm, Tue 08 September 2009	25%
Assignment 3	1200-1500 words	4.00pm, Tue 29 September 2009	15%
Assignment 4	4000-5000 words	4.00pm, Fri 16 October 2009	50%

Assignments 1, 2 and 3 will assess learning objectives 1 to 4 for the course (see LING 321 Outline). Assignment 4 addresses learning objective 5 in particular (see above).

- Note that LING 421 assignments should demonstrate a breadth and depth of relevant reading that is appropriate for postgraduate work.
- Details of the assignment tasks, including marking criteria, will be provided in separate handouts.
- Hand in two copies of each assignment.