

SCHOOL OF LINGUISTICS AND APPLIED LANGUAGE STUDIES

LING 421 DISCOURSE AND MEANING

TRIMESTER 2 2011

11 July to 12 November 2011

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: 30 hours (over 12 weeks)
- Reading to prepare for and review lectures:
60 hours (on average, 2 hours per lecture)
- Extended reading, particularly of research studies:
36 hours (3 hours x 12 weeks)

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

- Assignment 1: 16 hours
- Assignment 2: 40 hours
- Assignment 3: 24 hours
- Assignment 4: 94 hours

Mandatory course requirements

You must hand in the four assignments by 4.00pm on Friday 14 October 2010. 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.

	Length	Due date	Contribution to final grade
Assignment 1	800-1000 words	11.00am, Mon 08 August 2011	10%
Assignment 2	2000-2500 words	11.00am, Mon 19 September 2011	25%
Assignment 3	1200-1500 words	11.00am, Mon 03 October 2011	15%
Assignment 4	4000-5000 words	4.00pm, Fri 14 October 2011	50%

Assignments 1, 2 and 3 focus on learning objectives 1 to 3 for the course (see LING 321 Outline). For Assignment 4 you are expected to address all learning objectives, but with attention to 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.