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Faculties of Humanities and Theology

## **ENGM21, English: Semantics and Pragmatics, 7.5 credits**

*Engelska: Semantik och pragmatik, 7,5 högskolepoäng*

Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2012-05-02 to be valid from 2012-05-02, autumn semester 2012.

### **General Information**

The course is offered as freestanding course and can be included in a first- or second-cycle degree (e.g. the Master of Arts programme in Language and Linguistics).

*Language of instruction:* English

*Main field of studies*

Language and Linguistics with  
specialization in English  
English

*Depth of study relative to the degree  
requirements*

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle  
course/s as entry requirements  
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### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course the student shall

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- be able to account for key issues and concepts in semantics and pragmatics
- be able to account for the main orientations of semantics and pragmatics in an informed manner
- be able to understand and account for the differences between semantic and pragmatic explanations of meaning.

#### **Competence and skills**

- be able to identify patterns in and formulate generalisations on relevant linguistic data
- be able to formulate relevant research issues on the basis of the required reading
- be able to present analyses of linguistic data in both speech and writing.

### **Judgement and approach**

- be able to compare and critically assess different theories of semantics and pragmatics with regard to predictability and explanatory value.

### **Course content**

The course focuses on analysing the character of meaning in language and how meaning is communicated in written and spoken discourse. This means that not only issues traditionally addressed by semantics are covered, but also meaning produced by a wider context, which is dealt with in pragmatics. In other words, the course deals not only with what people say, but how, why and when they say what they say. The course provides explanations of subtle nuances of meaning in the words and phrases of discourse. It presents an overview of the full span and complexity of the phenomenon of meaning.

### **Course design**

Teaching consists of lectures, seminars and group exercises.

### **Assessment**

The assessment is based on an oral presentation and a final independent research assignment.

*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

### **Grades**

Marking scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction.

### **Entry requirements**

To be admitted to the course, students must have passed a course for the degree of Bachelor in a language or in General Linguistics.

### **Further information**

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Languages and Literature, Lund University.
2. The credits allocated for course content that in whole or in part is commensurate with another course can only be credited once for a degree. For further details see the current registration information and other relevant documentation.



## Subcourses in ENGM21, English: Semantics and Pragmatics

Applies from H08

0801 English: Semantics and Pragmatics, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass, Pass with distinction