

Semantics and Pragmatics 2 – AN31005BA02/AN5301OMA

3-credit seminar

Spring 2026

Course Description

This course is concerned with the study of meaning. More specifically, we will be interested in exploring the foundations of formal, truth-conditional semantics, covering topics such as predicate-argument structure, compositionality, existential versus universal quantification, modality and temporal categories such as tense and aspect.

Textbook

Kearns, Kate. 2011. *Semantics*. 2nd edition. Palgrave Macmillan.

Grading

Your final grade will be the average of the grades you receive on a midterm test and an endterm test.

Attendance

No more than three absences are allowed, illness included.

Weekly Syllabus

	Class content	Reading assignments
Week 1	Introduction	pp. 1-23
Week 2	Basic Logical Tools	pp. 24-44
Week 3	The Logical Quantifiers	pp. 45-56
Week 4	Formal Composition 1	pp. 57-78
Week 5	Formal Composition 2	
Week 6	Midterm test	
Week 7	Modality and Possible Worlds	pp. 79-93
Week 8	Spring break	
Week 9	Aspectual Classes of Events 1	pp. 156-175

Week 10	Aspectual Classes of Events 2	
Week 11	Tense and Aspect	pp. 176-205
Week 12	Endterm test	

Place and Time

Room XIV, Wednesday 8:00 a.m. –9:40 a.m.

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