

25545 - Theories of Meaning

Información del Plan Docente

Academic Year	2016/17
Academic center	103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras
Degree	269 - Degree in Philosophy
ECTS	6.0
Course	
Period	Half-yearly
Subject Type	Optional
Module	---

1.Basic info

1.1.Recommendations to take this course

1.2.Activities and key dates for the course

2.Initiation

2.1.Learning outcomes that define the subject

2.2.Introduction

3.Context and competences

3.1.Goals

3.2.Context and meaning of the subject in the degree

3.3.Competences

3.4.Importance of learning outcomes

4.Evaluation

5.Activities and resources

5.1.General methodological presentation

See "Learning activities " and "Program".

More information will be provided on the first day of class.

5.2.Learning activities

- Theoretical lectures.
- Practical lectures.
- Individual work.

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- Personal study.
- Assessment activities.

5.3.Program

WEEKS 1-2: Introduction

1. ¿What is meaning?
 1. Word meaning.
 2. Sentence meaning
 3. Understanding meaning.
 4. Meaning and context.
 5. Meaning and thought.

WEEKS 3-9: Theories of meaning

1. What is a theory of meaning?
 1. Modest theories vs. Robust theories.
 2. Semantic theories of meaning.
 3. Mentalist theories of meaning.
 4. Semantic escepticism.
 1. Indeterminacy of translation.
 2. Norms, dispositions and meaning.

WEEKS 10-13 Semantic normativity

1. Normativity thesis of meaning.
10. Following a rule.
11. Social norms.
12. Norms, prescriptions and evaluations.

WEEK 14: Must we mean what we say?

5.4.Planning and scheduling

See the academic calendar of the University of Zaragoza (<http://academico.unizar.es/calendario-academico/calendario>) and the website of the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts (*Schedule of classes* : <https://fyl.unizar.es/horario-de-clases#overlay-context=horario-de-clases> ; Examination schedule: <https://fyl.unizar.es/calendario-de-examenes#overlay-context> =)

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