

27846 - The Pragmatics of Communication

Información del Plan Docente

Academic Year	2016/17
Academic center	103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras
Degree	416 - Degree in English
ECTS	6.0
Course	
Period	First semester
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 "Syllabus".

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

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Topic 1: Introduction: Grammar, pragmatics, and discourse.

Topic 2: Speech acts, the cooperative principle, and Grice's maxims.

Topic 3: The interpersonal function of language: pragmatic politeness and metadiscourse.

Topic 4: Communication in written and spoken discourse/registers in English: pragmatic differences.

Topic 5: The pragmatics of written and spoken genres in English-medium communication.

Compulsory Readings

Mey, J. L. (1993). *Pragmatics: An Introduction*. Oxford: Blackwell (2nd ed. 2001).

Verschueren, J. (1999). *Understanding Pragmatics*. London, New York: Arnold Publishers.

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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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5.5.Bibliography and recommended resources

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Verschueren, Jef. Understanding pragmatics / Jef Verschueren London ; New York : Arnold, 1999

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- BC** Grundy, Peter. Doing pragmatics / Peter Grundy London : Arnold, 1995
- BC** Robinson, Douglas. Introducing performative pragmatics / Douglas Robinson New York ; London : Routledge, 2006