

Course FA-01 SPANISH SEMANTICS

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Back-up Lecturer:

45 CONTACT HOURS/3 SEMESTER CREDITS

THIS CLASS MEETS: TUES/THURS 11AM – 1PM

OBJECTIVES

The aim of this Course is to enable students to enrich their vocabulary in a gradual way. Special emphasis will be placed on awareness-raising with regard to the contextual values attached to frequently used words and idiomatic expressions in colloquial Spanish, while not leaving aside formal and specialized lexical usage either.

SYLLABUS

- 1) Introduction. Semantics and Lexicology. The Structure of Words. Word Classes. Semantic Fields.
- 2) Dictionary Use in the Learning of Spanish.
- 3) Procedures involved in the Formation of New Words. Derivation and Composition. Abbreviations, Acronyms, Onomatopoeic Expressions.
- 4) Idioms and Combinations. Expressive Values and Communicative Suitability.
- 5) Aptness, Variation, and Precision in Lexis. Synonymys and Antonymys. Polysemy and Homonymy.
- 6) Lexical Content within Specific Texts.
- 7) Lexical Sources of the Spanish Language. The Use of Borrowings.

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ASSESSMENT

The on-going assessment of assignments, as indicated by lecturers, will be carried out, while two exams will also be held, the first mid-way through the Course and the other during the final week of the semester.