

Code	L62
Title	Meaning and Communication
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Brief description	The module aims to develop and extend students' understanding of how meaning is made and communication works, and why it sometimes fails.
Level of study	Level 7
CAT points	15
Approved base location	Validated delivery
Prerequisites	None
Corequisites	None
Restrictions	Not applicable
Indicative syllabus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Relevance and processing effort ● Propositions and enrichment ● Speech acts ● Implied assumptions ● Frames and scripts ● Prominence ● Metaphor and metonymy ● Levels of word categorisation ● Genre
Learning outcomes	<p>A student passing this module should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. demonstrate a systematic understanding of the complex means by which meanings and assumptions are communicated in discourse within a specific language, community and culture; 2. creatively and critically apply advanced theoretical perspectives on meaning and communication to the analysis of a text.
Learning and teaching activities	<p>Total study time: 150 hours Scheduled learning and teaching activities: 30 hours Guided independent study: 120 hours</p>
Assessment	<p>A: 100% Assignment 4500 words</p>
Special assessment requirements	None
Indicative resources	<p>Huang, Yan, ed. 2017. <i>The Oxford Handbook of Pragmatics</i>. First edition. Oxford Handbooks. Oxford: OUP.</p> <p>Austin, John L., and James O. Urmson. 2009. <i>How to Do Things with Words: The William James Lectures Delivered at Harvard University in 1955</i>. 2nd ed.. Cambridge, Mass: Harvard Univ. Press.</p>

	<p>Blakemore, Diane. 1992. <i>Understanding Utterances</i>. Blackwell Textbooks in Linguistics 6. Oxford: Blackwell.</p> <p>Carston, Robyn. 2010. <i>Thoughts and Utterances: The Pragmatics of Explicit Communication</i>. Dig. print. Malden: Blackwell.</p> <p>Clark, Billy. 2013. <i>Relevance Theory</i>. Cambridge: CUP.</p> <p>Dooley, Robert A., and Stephen H. Levinsohn. 2001. <i>Analyzing Discourse: A Manual of Basic Concepts</i>. Dallas: SIL International.</p> <p>Geeraerts, Dirk, ed. 2010. <i>The Oxford Handbook of Cognitive Linguistics</i>. Oxford: OUP.</p> <p>Gibbs, Raymond W. 2002. <i>The Poetics of Mind: Figurative Thought, Language, and Understanding</i>. Cambridge: CUP.</p> <p>Hill, Harriet S. 2011. <i>Bible Translation Basics: Communicating Scripture in a Relevant Way</i>. Dallas: SIL International.</p> <p>Horn, Laurence R., ed. 2010. <i>The Handbook of Pragmatics</i>. 5th ed.. Blackwell Handbooks in Linguistics 16. Malden: Blackwell.</p> <p>Kövecses, Zoltán. 2007. <i>Metaphor in Culture: Universality and Variation..</i> Cambridge: CUP.</p> <p>Kövecses, Zoltán, and Réka Benczes. 2010. <i>Metaphor: A Practical Introduction</i>. 2nd ed. Oxford: OUP.</p> <p>Lakoff, George, and Mark Johnson. 2003. <i>Metaphors We Live By</i>. 2nd ed. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.</p> <p>Saeed, John I. 2016. <i>Semantics</i>. 4th ed. Introducing Linguistics 2. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell.</p> <p>Sharifian, Farzad. 2017. <i>Cultural Linguistics: Cultural Conceptualisations and Language</i>. Cognitive Linguistic Studies in Cultural Contexts (CLSCC), Volume 8. Amsterdam: John Benjamins Publishing Company.</p> <p>Taylor, John R. 2003. <i>Linguistic Categorization</i>. 3rd ed. Oxford Textbooks in Linguistics. New York: OUP.</p> <p>Ungerer, Friedrich, and Hans-Jorg Schmid. 2013. <i>An Introduction to Cognitive Linguistics</i>. Hoboken: Taylor and Francis.</p> <p>Wierzbicka, Anna. 1997. <i>Understanding Cultures through Their Key Words: English, Russian, Polish, German, and Japanese</i>. Oxford Studies in Anthropological Linguistics 8. Oxford: OUP.</p>
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