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Language, discourse and meaning (2LN2222)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Master en sciences cognitives	Cours: 2 ph	cont. continu	5
Pilier principal M A - sciences du langage et de la communication	Cours: 2 ph	oral: 30 min	5
Pilier secondaire M A - sciences du langage et de la communication	Cours: 2 ph	oral: 30 min	5

ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Printemps

Equipe enseignante:

Professor Louis de Saussure + invited scholars

Objectifs:

This course is offered for the students in the MA Cognitive Sciences program (CS) and the Pilier de MA en Sciences du langage et de la communication (SDLC) (Faculté des Lettres et Sciences humaines). It is part of the Tronc Commun in the SDLC and of the orientations programs in CS.

Contenu:

This master course will provide basic notions of the divide between semantics and pragmatics and address advanced topics in this area with a focus on cognitive processes of linguistic meaning retrieval. We will investigate how linguistic forms trigger meaningful contents for interlocutors, and what belongs to the linguistic form itself and what relies on the cognitives mechanisms of interpretation. After drawing a global picture of the issue and providing some basic tools of analysis, we will dwell into the big classical problems and topics concerning the divide between semantics and pragmatics, that is, between code and cognitive inference. Among these topics, we will pay attention to quantification, implicit meanings, temporal relations, subjectivity and modality. If times allows, we will also hint at problems related to discourse and persuasion.

Forme de l'évaluation:

According to the course plan

NB : work that is not submitted by the required deadline, without good cause, will not be accepted and will automatically result in a fail for that given assessment.

Documentation:

Will be provided in class.

Forme de l'enseignement:

L'enseignement sera donné en FRANCAIS au cas où tous les étudiants sont à l'aise avec le français. Dans le cas contraire, il aura lieu en ANGLAIS, mais dans un anglais assez simple pour être bien compris de tous. Les lectures sont de toute manière en anglais.