



אוניברסיטת בן-גוריון בנגב  
הפקולטה למדעי הרוח והחברה

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**Name of the course:** Semantics A

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**Course number:** 132.1.2751

**Office hours:** TBA

**Short course description (5-10 lines) with key words at the end of the paragraph**

An age-old definition of linguistics is the investigation of the relation between sound and meaning. How is it that mere air vibrations or squiggles on a page can convey ideas, thoughts, beliefs, feelings? In this class we will consider this question. We will investigate what meanings are, which factors affect the meaning of an utterance, and consider the meanings of a variety of linguistic constructions.

**Course requirements:**

**Attendance required**                      **no**

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| <b>1. Assignments</b> | <b>20%</b> |
| <b>2. Midterm</b>     | <b>20%</b> |
| <b>3. Final exam</b>  | <b>60%</b> |

Prerequisites: Introduction to Semantics

Recommended textbook: J. Allwood, Lars-Gunnar Andersson and Östen Dahl (1977). *Logic in Linguistics*. Cambridge University Press.

Topics to be covered:

1. Predicate logic: syntax, semantics (model theory), scope ambiguities (chapter 5)
2. Modal and temporal logic (chapter 7)
3. Intensions and extensions (8.1-8.2)
4. Definite descriptions (9.2)
5. Types and lambda calculus (9.4)
6. More as time permits...