Course title (English): Introduction to Semantics

Course title (Hebrew): מבוא לסמנטיקה

Course number:

Course slot (semester/s, weekday/s, hours): Fall 2022-23, Sunday, 14:00-16:00

Lecturer: Dr. Lavi Wolf

Lecturer’s conference hour and contact details: Sunday 13:00-14:00, wolf.lavi@gmail.com

Course description & objectives:
In this course, we discuss basic topics in natural language semantics, the branch of linguistics that deals with meaning. Topics we will cover include set theory, propositional calculus, inferences of various types, and Grice’s Cooperative Principle.

Course requirements:

Attendance mandatory

Homework assignments 20%

Final exam 80% passing the exam is required in order to pass the course

Active participation bonus 5%
Topics & bibliography

Topics:
Semantics as the study of meaning
Semantic inference – entailments
Semantic-pragmatic inference – presuppositions
Set theory
Logical inference – deductive reasoning
Propositional calculus
Pragmatic inference – conversational implicatures

Textbooks: