



School of Linguistics and Applied Language Studies Course Outline

LING 406, Special Topic: Discourse and Meaning, Trimester 2, 2007

LING 406 will be taught in conjunction with LING 321. Please refer to the Course Outline for LING 321. The information there applies also to LING 406 except as specified below.

OBJECTIVES

LING 406 has the following objective in addition to those specified for LING 321:

5. demonstrate an understanding of some research which addresses concepts and issues in discourse and meaning.

WORKLOAD

In order to make satisfactory progress in this paper you should expect to devote, on average, 24 hours a week to it during Trimester 2. This includes attendance at lectures and tutorials, preparation for tutorials, background reading and preparation for assignments. Some students will find that they need to do more than this, and students aiming for high grades will almost certainly need to do more.

MANDATORY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

You must hand in the four assignments by 5pm on Friday 12 October 2007. You must make a satisfactory attempt at all four assignments. "Satisfactory" means that if an assignment does not reach a C standard, it must nevertheless reflect the fact that the assignment has been taken seriously and that a reasonable amount of effort has been devoted to the topic.

ASSESSMENT

LING 406 will be examined by in-term assessment. The final grade will be awarded on the basis of your marks for four assignments (10%, 25%, 15% and 50% respectively). Assignments 1, 2 and 3 are the same as for LING 321. Assignment 4 replaces the LING 321 final examination.

	<u>Length</u>	<u>Due date</u>	<u>Contribution to final grade</u>
Assignment 1	800-1000 words	12 noon, Wed 25 July 2007	10%
Assignment 2	2000-2500 words	12 noon, Wed 15 August 2007	25%
Assignment 3	1200-1500 words	12 noon, Wed 03 October 2007	15%
Assignment 4	4000-5000 words	5pm, Fri 12 October 2007	50%

Assignments 1, 2 and 3 will assess objectives 1 to 4 for the paper (see LING 321 Outline). Assignment 4 addresses objective 5 in particular (see above). Note that LING 406 assignments should demonstrate a breadth and depth of relevant reading that is appropriate for postgraduate work. Details of the assignment tasks are available in a separate assignment handouts. Hand in two copies of each assignment. Make sure you also keep a copy yourself of all work that you hand in.