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|  **UNIVERSITY OF NIŠ** |
| **Course Unit Descriptor** | **Faculty**  | **Faculty of Philosophy** |
| **GENERAL INFORMATION** |
| Study program  | **Philology**  |
| Study Module (if applicable) |  |
| Course title | **Semantics**  |
| Level of study | ☐ Bachelor ☐ Master’s ☐ Doctoral |
| Type of course | ☐ Obligatory ☐ Elective |
| Semester  |  ☐ Autumn ☐Spring |
| Year of study  | I (First)  |
| Number of ECTS allocated | 6 |
| Name of lecturer/lecturers | Dr Branimir Stanković |
| Teaching mode |  ☐Lectures ☐Group tutorials ☐ Individual tutorials ☐Laboratory work ☐ Project work ☐ Seminar ☐Distance learning ☐ Blended learning ☐ Other |
| **PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW (max. 5 sentences)**  |
| *The main purpose of the course is to display the cognitive and philosophical complexity of the notion of meaning in natural languages; to make acquaintance with the relation between logic and meaning and the use of logic methods and annotations in semantics, as well as the relation between cognition and meaning; exploring the place and status of semantics in the overall cognitive architecture of grammar and language; introducing different aspects of the discipline, from lexical and structural semantics to the semantics of the discourse and the text; mastering the basic concepts of formal, conceptual and lexical semantics .* |
| **SYLLABUS (brief outline and summary of topics, max. 10 sentences)** |
| **1. Philosophical and cognitive aspects of meaning.** **2. Universal and specific in semantics and the linguistic relativism hypothesis.****3. How to approach to investigating meaning. Early semantic ideas: from the Antique do Descartes and Leibniz.** **4. Formal semantics: calculus, annotations and the nature of meaning.** **5. Conceptual semantics.****6. Modification and functional application.** **7. Semantics of the nominal phrase: definiteness, quantity, classification.****8. Semantics of the verb phrase: argument structure, aspect, event.****9. Semantics of tenses: Reichenbach’s system and modifications.****10. Semantics of the clause: proposition, illocutionary force, modality.** **11. Semantics of coordination and sub-specification: conjunction, disjunction and predication.****12. Semantics of personal pronouns, anaphora and binding.****13. Lexical semantics and semantic decomposition.****14. Semantics of discourse functions.****15. Meaning and structure, semantics and syntax.**  |
| **LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION** |
| ☐Serbian (complete course) ☐ English (complete course) ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (complete course)☐Serbian with English mentoring ☐Serbian with other mentoring \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **ASSESSMENT METHODS AND CRITERIA** |
| **Pre exam duties** | **Points** | **Final exam** | **points** |
| **Activity during lectures** | **15** | **Written examination** | **30** |
| **Practical teaching** | **15** | **Oral examination** | **40** |
| **Teaching colloquia** |  | **OVERALL SUM** | **100** |
| **\*Final examination mark is formed in accordance with the Institutional documents** |