

COURSE UNIT DESCRIPTION

Course unit title	Research field, branch, code	Faculty	Department, Institute
Lexical semantics	Philology, Linguistics, H004	Philology	Department of Lithuanian Language, Institute of Applied Linguistics

Study cycle	3 rd (doctoral)
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Mode of delivery	ECTS credits	Type of the course unit	Language of instruction
Contact (lectures, workshops, tutorials)	8		Lithuanian
Individual or in a group			

Annotation of the course content

The aim of the theoretical course is to introduce the main problems, methods and schools of lexical semantics in the study of word meanings. It consists of 12 topics.

1. Semasiology and Onomasiology. Classification of lexical units and their meanings. Relationship between meaning and concept. Denotation and connotation. Nomination and types of motivation.

2. The origins of lexical semantics, the concept of meaning in the works of philosophers. The main schools and theories: traditional descriptive semantics, structural and neo-structural semantics, interpretive semantics, generative semantics, cognitive semantics.

3. Structural approach to meaning. Semantic field theory. Lexical hierarchy and systemic relations. Paradigmatic and syntagmatic relations. Semantic functions and their interrelations. Component analysis. Distributional analysis.

4. Interpretive and generative semantics. Relationship between deep (logical) structure and surface structure.

5. Cognitive approach to meaning. Conceptualisation and categorisation. Concept structure. Prototype theory. Cognitive models. Conceptual analysis. Conceptual metaphor and metonymy.

6. Frame semantics and construction grammar. Core and non-core Frame elements, lexical units.

7. Semantic change. Lexicalisation and grammaticalisation.

8. Universals and primitives. Natural semantic metalanguage.

9. Comparative lexical semantics. Three levels of comparison: sememes, words and semantic groups. The problem of equivalence.

10. Lexical semantic typology: major schools, methods and research. Monosemy, polysemy and collexification. Semantic associations. Semantic maps.

11. The relationship between lexical semantics and lexicography. Semantic information in explanatory and bilingual dictionaries: problems of determining synonymy, homonymy and polysemy.

12. Texts, concordances and databases. Semantic information representation in WordNet, VerbNet, FrameNet databases. Database of cross-linguistic collexifications CLICS.

Reading

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Lecturer	Degree	Main works published in the research field during the last five years
Vilma Zubaitienė	Doctor of the Humanities	Vilma Zubaitienė , Gintarė Judžentytė-Šinkūnienė, Eglė Gudavičienė, Lina Plaušinaitytė, Skaistė Volungevičienė.

	<p>Studentų darbų fraziškumas. V.: VUL, 2020.</p> <p>Zubaitienė, Vilma; Plaušinaitytė, Lina; Volungevičienė, Skaistė; Judžentytė-Šinkūnienė, Gintarė; Gudavičienė, Eglė; Pribušauskaitė, Joana; Plaušinaitis, Justas. <i>Akademinių frazių sąvadas</i>. Vilniaus universitetas, 2020. http://www.frazynas.flf.vu.lt/</p> <p>Judžentytė, Gintarė; Zubaitienė, Vilma. The lexicon of the Lithuanian language in the 17–19th centuries // <i>The Intricacy of Languages</i>, Francesc Feliu, Olga Fullana (ed.), John Benjamins Publishing Company, 2019, 154–174.</p> <p>Lisauskaitė, Agnė; Zubaitienė, Vilma. Aktyvios veiklos veiksmazodžių semantika Kristijono Donelaičio „Metuose“ = The Semantics of the Verbs of Activity in the “Seasons” by Kristijonas Donelaitis // <i>Respectus philologicus</i>. eISSN 2335-2388. 2019. T. 35, Nr. 40, p. 102–120.</p> <p>Volungevičienė, Skaistė; Zubaitienė, Vilma. Feste Wortverbindungen in der altlitauischen Lexikographie // <i>Fremde und eigene Sprachen: Linguistische Perspektiven</i> = Foreign and own languages. Linguistic perspectives : Akten des 51. Linguistischen Kolloquiums in Vilnius 2016 / Hrsg. Virginija Masiulionytė, Skaistė Volungevičienė. Berlin : Peter Lang GmbH Internationaler Verlag der Wissenschaften, 2018. ISBN 9783631747100. eISBN 9783631754412. p. 193–212.</p>
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