

## 25545 - Theories of Meaning

### Información del Plan Docente

Academic Year	2017/18
Faculty / School	103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras
Degree	269 - Degree in Philosophy
ECTS	6.0
Year	
Semester	Half-yearly
Subject Type	Optional
Module	---

### **1.General information**

#### **1.1.Introduction**

#### **1.2.Recommendations to take this course**

#### **1.3.Context and importance of this course in the degree**

#### **1.4.Activities and key dates**

### **2.Learning goals**

#### **2.1.Learning goals**

#### **2.2.Importance of learning goals**

### **3.Aims of the course and competences**

#### **3.1.Aims of the course**

#### **3.2.Competences**

### **4.Assessment (1st and 2nd call)**

#### **4.1.Assessment tasks (description of tasks, marking system and assessment criteria)**

### **5.Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources**

#### **5.1.Methodological overview**

See "Learning activities " and "Program".

More information will be provided on the first day of class.

#### **5.2.Learning tasks**

- Theoretical lectures.

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- Practical lectures.
- Individual work.
- Personal study.
- Assessment activities.

### 5.3.Syllabus

WEEKS 1-2: Introduction

1. ¿What is meaning?
  1. Word meaning.
  2. Sentence meaning
  3. Understanding meaning.
  4. Meaning and context.
  5. Meaning and thought.

WEEKS 3-9: Theories of meaning

1. What is a theory of meaning?
  1. Modest theories vs. Robust theories.
  2. Semantic theories of meaning.
  3. Mentalist theories of meaning.
  4. Semantic escepticism.
    1. Indeterminacy of translation.
    2. Norms, dispositions and meaning.

WEEKS 10-13 Semantic normativity

1. Normativity thesis of meaning.
10. Following a rule.
11. Social norms.
12. Norms, prescriptions and evaluations.

WEEK 14: Must we mean what we say?

### 5.4.Course planning and calendar

See the academic calendar of the University of Zaragoza ( <http://academico.unizar.es/calendario-academico/calendario> ) and the website of the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts ( *Schedule of classes* : <https://fyl.unizar.es/horario-de-clases#overlay-context=horario-de-clases> ; Examination schedule: <https://fyl.unizar.es/calendario-de-examenes#overlay-context> =)

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