

## 27846 - The Pragmatics of Communication

### Información del Plan Docente

Academic Year	2017/18
Faculty / School	103 - Facultad de Filosofía y Letras
Degree	416 - Degree in English
ECTS	6.0
Year	
Semester	First semester
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 "Syllabus".

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

- Theoretical lectures.

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

### 5.3.Syllabus

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Topic 1: Introduction: Grammar, pragmatics, and discourse.

Topic 2: Speech acts, the cooperative principle, and Grice's maxims.

Topic 3: The interpersonal function of language: pragmatic politeness and metadiscourse.

Topic 4: Communication in written and spoken discourse/registers in English: pragmatic differences.

Topic 5: The pragmatics of written and spoken genres in English-medium communication.

#### Compulsory Readings

Mey, J. L. (1993). *Pragmatics: An Introduction*. Oxford: Blackwell (2nd ed. 2001).

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### 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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### 5.5.Bibliography and recommended resources

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Verschueren, Jef. Understanding

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New York : Arnold, 1999
- BC** Grundy, Peter. Doing pragmatics / Peter  
Grundy London : Arnold, 1995
- BC** Robinson, Douglas. Introducing  
performative pragmatics / Douglas  
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