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### ***Semantics***

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### Course description

This is an introduction to formal semantics, where the techniques of logic are used to describe how the meanings of sentences depend on their parts. We will train in the tools and techniques of semantic theory that are necessary to enter the field, and we will dive into the formal system of Heim & Kratzer 1998. Phenomena to be discussed include predication, quantification, and tense, aspect and modality. Time provided, we can explore language use (*pragmatics*) and the challenges for language learners from a semantics perspective (*acquisition*).

### Course website

<https://grammar.iliauni.edu.ge/sccc-summer-school/semantics>

Readings, notes and the homework assignment will be posted through gmail, [sccc.semantics@gmail.com](mailto:sccc.semantics@gmail.com), the password is tbilisi123.

### Course schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Readings/Assignments</b>
September 3	Compositional semantics	
September 4	Formal foundations	Partee, Wall & ter Meulen (1990) <i>Mathematical Methods in Linguistics</i> Chapter 1 & Chapter 2, section 2.1-2.3 (optional, you can also study the notes)
September 5	Predication	
September 6	Modification	Heim & Kratzer (1998) <i>Semantics in Generative Grammar</i> , section 4.1-4.3.2. (advanced)  <b><i>Problem set assigned</i></b>
September 7	Quantification and determiners	Heim & Kratzer (1998) <i>Semantics in Generative Grammar</i> , section 4.4.
September 10	Intensionality	Zalta (2016) "Frege's philosophy of language", section 4 of <i>Gottlob Frege</i> , <a href="https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/frege/">https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/frege/</a>  <b><i>Problem set due</i></b>
September 11	Pragmatics	Grice (1975) <i>Logic and Conversation</i>