

Course title: French Language: Morph syntax and Language Semantics Issues

Course code: MCFR0811

Type of course: compulsory

Level of course: MA

Year of study: 1st

Semester: 1st

Number of ECTS credits allocated: 8

Name of the lecturer: Iulian Popescu

Course objective: Familiarize students with knowledge of semantics and initiate students in the French language semantics.

Course contents: **Course:** terminology-related issues, basic notions of semantics: *language functions, sign, value, referent and reference, meaning and significance, denotation and connotation* etc. Discussion on notions belonging to the generative semantics or Guillaume's psycho mechanics. Issues of lexical semantics belonging to the Gramscian perspective: the main concepts operating under this type of semantics (*sem, lexem, clasem, semem, isotopy*). The "semantic relationships" and the "changes of meaning". **Seminar:** Language and communication; System, sign, meaning and significance; Units of meaning and significance; Semic analysis; Discourse isotopy; Semantic relationships I; Semantic relationships II.

Recommended reading: Brekle, H.E., *Sémantique*, Armand Colin, Paris, 1974; Greimas, A. J., Courtés, Joseph, *Sémiotique. Dictionnaire raisonné de la théorie du langage*, Paris, Hachette, Tome I, 1979; tome II, 1983; Greimas, A.J., *Sémantique structurale*, Larousse, Paris, 1966; Kerbrat-Orecchioni, C., *La Connotation*, P.U. de Lyon, 1977; Le Guern, M., *Sémantique de la métaphore et de la métonymie*, Larousse, Paris, 1973; Popescu, I. *Sémantiques*, Editura Chemarea, Iasi, 1998; Pottier, B., *Sémantique générale*, P.U.F., Paris, 1992; Saussure, F. de, *Cours de linguistique générale*, Payot, Paris, 1971

Teaching methods: lectures, interactive approaches

Assessment methods: written examination, seminar participation

Language of instruction: French