

LANG 2037 PRAGMATICS

Credit Points 10

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Description This is an optional unit of the Linguistics Major which introduces students to pragmatics, the study of language use in context. It combines theoretical elements with practical applications through examples, exercises and authentic data analysis, which enable students to understand the significance of this field of linguistics to language professions, such as interpreting and translation and language teaching.

School Humanities & Comm Arts

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 1 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 2 subject

Pre-requisite(s) LANG 1014

Equivalent Subjects LGYA 1435 - English Semantics and Pragmatics

Incompatible Subjects LANG 2038 - Pragmatics

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. demonstrate general knowledge of different theories of pragmatics.
2. apply data collection skills to conduct research in pragmatics
3. apply the acquired knowledge and skills to analyse spoken and written data from the perspective of pragmatics
4. demonstrate awareness of the connection between pragmatic sensitivity and linguistic choices in intracultural and intercultural communication
5. apply the acquired knowledge and skills in professional practice (translation, interpreting, education, business, etc.)

Subject Content

- The theoretical foundations for the study of pragmatics, including speech act theory, relevance theory, metapragmatic awareness, Grice's theory of conversational implicature and cooperative principles.
- data collection and analysis skills necessary for research in pragmatics, e.g. using corpus data, collecting observational data, using TV data and internet resources, etc.
- pragmatics in specific discourse domains.
- pragmatic Issues in communication across time: The change of language and meaning over time.

Teaching Periods