

## Course Overview

### ISSUES IN PRAGMATICS (PLIN M301) 2005-6

#### LEXICAL PRAGMATICS

**BA assessment:** One long essay (4000 words) or 2 short (2000 each), due May 1, 2006.

**MA assessment:** One essay, 4,000-5,000 words, due May 1, 2006.

For suggested topics and deadlines, see Course Handout (due next week).

**Lectures and Reading:** Copies of the lectures and much of the reading are available for overnight borrowing from UCL departmental file, by signing form in UCL Student Common Room. Written-up versions of the lectures will be available via the course website (accessible from the Timetable on the Dept web page). My e-mail: ([deirdre@ling.ucl.ac.uk](mailto:deirdre@ling.ucl.ac.uk)). There is also a Lexical Pragmatics website from which many recommended papers are downloadable (<http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/lexprag/>); others are available from my home page (<http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/deirdre/>), Robyn Carston's home page (<http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/home/robyn/home.htm>) and Dan Sperber's home page (<http://www.dan.sperber.com>)

**Backup classes:** These will be given by Tim Wharton ([twharton@clara.co.uk](mailto:twharton@clara.co.uk)). Times to be arranged at end of Lecture 1. Please feel free to discuss essay topics with Tim or me (make an appointment by e-mail or come and see me in my office, Room 4, 20 Gordon Square).

#### Lecture topics

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| <b>Week 1</b>       | <b>Lexical Pragmatics: The issues</b>                   |
| <b>Week 2</b>       | <b>Concepts and lexical semantics</b>                   |
| <b>Week 3</b>       | <b>Prototypes and encyclopaedic entries</b>             |
| <b>Week 4</b>       | <b>Metaphysical and cognitive functions of concepts</b> |
| <b>Week 5</b>       | <b>Innateness and acquisition</b>                       |
| <b>Reading Week</b> |   |
| <b>Week 6</b>       | <b>Lexical narrowing</b>                                |
| <b>Week 7</b>       | <b>Approximation and metaphor</b>                       |
| <b>Week 8</b>       | <b>Metalinguistic and attributive use</b>               |
| <b>Week 9</b>       | <b>Innateness revisited</b>                             |
| <b>Week 10</b>      | <b>Acquisition of lexical pragmatics</b>                |