English Semantics

This course is designed for BA students and it is taught in English. The course offers a comprehensive treatment of semantic issues on the level of words, technically named lexemes, phrases and sentences, highlighting the difference between sentences, utterances and propositions.

Certain lexical semantic issues such as hyponymy, synonymy, antonymy, polysemy and homonymy are treated synchronically, offering diacritical explanations in those case when knowledge of the etymology of the words facilitates the understanding of their present semantic structure. The interrelationship between semantics and grammar is viewed as crucial to understanding meaning.