

Frank Richter:
Lexical Idiosyncrasies in Syntax and Logical Form

Seminar: Monday 11ct–13 at the Sfs, Seminarraum 1.13 and
 Wednesday 11ct–13 at the Sfs, Seminarraum 1.13
 Wednesday 9ct–11: thesis counseling meetings

Seminar starts: Monday, 18th April 2005

Office Hours: Monday 10.00 – 11.00

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- Webpage: <http://www.sfs.uni-tuebingen.de/~fr/>
- Choice of thesis topic: **6th June**
- Start of thesis writing period: **16th July**
- End of thesis writing period: **26th August**

Participation and Grading Policy

Examination regulations of the Neuphilologische Fakultät require that students attend courses regularly. If students do not attend a course meeting on more than two occasions in one semester without proper excuse (e.g. doctor's note), the course instructor has to give them a failing grade.

Please do not put me in a position to have to fail you for this reason. If you cannot come to class, please email me ahead of time, if at all possible.

You are expected to come on time. In some of the class meetings students will give oral presentations (more on this below). It is a matter of common courtesy to not make their work harder by disturbing them by being late. Being late without good reasons will count as not having attended a course meeting.

- B.A. students (15 credits):

The purpose of this class is your B.A. thesis, and the grade of the thesis will be based on the thesis alone. However, in preparation of the thesis you are required to give an in-class presentation.

- M.A. students (10 credits):

This course is not designed for M.A. students and for ASN students. However, it is possible for M.A. students (and for ASN students) to attend this class and get credit.

Your grade for this course will be based on the following items:

1. An in-class presentation (*Referat*). Your presentation should be based on either a printed hand-out or a power point presentation. The presentation will count for a total of 40% of your grade: 20% for the quality of the hand-out, and 20% for the quality of the oral presentation.

2. A written term paper or software project. The grade of the paper will count 60% of your final grade.

Reading Assignments

Please read the assigned reading in advance of the class meeting for which it was assigned. I will presuppose that you have read the material when we discuss it in class.

Oral Presentations (Referate)

For your presentations the following two rules are important:

- You should have an appointment with me no later than *one week before* your presentation in order to discuss open questions and the structure and content of your presentation.
- At the beginning of the class meeting one week before your presentation you will have five minutes to tell the other participants about how to prepare for your presentation. You are expected to give a very brief overview of the topic of your talk and to inform the participants what to focus on when they read the paper on which your presentation is based.

Important Dates (Summary)

- 6th June: class cancelled; will be moved to 14th June, 16–18h
- Choice of thesis topic: **6th June**
- 14th June: special session on thesis writing
- 13th July (Wednesday of the last week): class cancelled
- Start of thesis writing period: **16th July**
- Office hours: 29th July, 22nd August
- I will not be available between 5th August and 19th August
- End of thesis writing period: **26th August**
- The results will be available by the end of September

Course Readings

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