

Pragmatics
Autumn 2020, Opava
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Course syllabus

25.9. Session 1 – Lecture 1a – Basic concepts in pragmatics
25.9. Session 2 – Lecture 1b – Approaches to pragmatics
(Content to be found in: Yule Ch1-3, 5-6)

18.12. Session 3 – Practical analysis, discussion of readings
(Readings for class: Yule CH 7-9)

Final exam: a written test based on compulsory readings. The test includes concepts, open-ended questions and practical analysis of sample texts.

Cutting, Joan – in Section C, you will find a lot of sample exercises. These types of texts and tasks may be included in the exam.

Course readings:

Yule, George (1996) *Pragmatics*. Oxford: OUP.

Chapter 4 is marginal. Pages 40-45 (on implicature) are marginal. They will not be included in the exam.

Cutting, Joan (2002) *Pragmatics and Discourse*. – Sections A+B (pages 1-76)

Cutting, Joan (2002) *Pragmatics and Discourse* – Section C – optional.

Please note that the content of Yule (1996) and Cutting (2002) partly overlaps. Cutting contains more explanations with examples.

Requirements:

data collection – covid humour on social media – 100 items + reflection on the material
analysis of text – 2 pages

written test/exam in class/long-distance