This is the second of a two-course sequence in linguistic semantics, designed to introduce students to core topics in the modern study of linguistic meaning, as well as the analytical tools involved in their investigation.

Prerequisite: LX502 Semantics 1 or instructor consent

Specific topics include:

the “aboutness“ of language: what underlies our ability to use language to convey information about the world?

the relationship between meaning and structure: how does a sentence’s meaning depend on its syntactic organization?

the indeterminacy of meaning: how can the same sentence come to convey more than one meaning?

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