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Compositional Semantics
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Assessment Criteria (updated)

Beteiligungsnachweis. In order to get a BN, you must get at least 50% of the total available homework points and you may not miss more than 2 class meetings. You must not only attend class, but also participate in class (see below).

Abschlussprüfung. In order to qualify for the AP, you must meet the requirements for the BN, and furthermore do one of the following two things. You can either (i) do the AP entirely through homework assignments, or (ii) write a term paper. The homework-based AP grades will be assigned like this:

Percentage	Grade
60%	4
70%	3
80%	2
90%	1

The term paper can take a number of different forms, but one way to go would be to choose a classic paper in compositional semantics, then make up reading comprehension exercises for it along with model solutions.

Because of university regulations, I must allow the term paper to be written in German or English, but please bear in mind that I do not read German, and consider the educational opportunity you have to develop your English skills under the caring supervision of a native English speaker such as myself.

You can apply for the AP as soon as the lectures are over (around the end of February) using the appropriate form for your course of study. The forms are available in the linguistics department office, and you can turn in your completed form to me (directly or in my box) or to one of the secretaries. You can check “Hausarbeit” if you want to do the AP through homework assignments (in which case the work is already done), or “Projectarbeit” if you want to write a paper (in which case the due date will be approximately one month after classes are over; you have to apply for the AP one month in advance of the due date).

Homework assignments. Homework assignments consist of a set of questions and exercises pertaining to the reading and associated lecture, and each question is worth a certain number of points. (The total number of points may vary from assignment to assignment.) The answers must be written in English.

You may consult with other students in the class, but you must **write up your answers by yourself.**

Please **type up your assignments, put your name on them, print them out, staple them, and bring them with you to class,** because we will discuss them in class on the day that they are due. Homework assignments **must be typed.** I will not give credit for answers that are mostly or entirely hand-written.

Late homework assignments will be accepted, with a 20% reduction in your score for each day that it is late. Your homework is **not late** as long as it is turned in by midnight on the day of class, so you can choose to turn it in during class, or revise your answers after class and email me the new version.

Class participation. Class participation is extremely important. The more you participate, the more you learn, and the more you help other students learn. Please raise your hand whenever you are confused or think that something is wrong, or have an idea that you want to share. You must also come prepared to share your own solutions to the homework that was most recently assigned (in English).