The requirements of the course can be fulfilled in two ways:

1)  
1st International Pragmatics Conference of the Americas and the 5th International Conference on Intercultural Pragmatics

October 19-21, 2012, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, USA

The goal of the joint conference is to promote both theoretical and applied research in pragmatics, and bring together scholars who are interested in different subfields of pragmatics (philosophical, linguistic, cognitive, social, intercultural, interlanguage, etc.). Three parallel sessions will be held on the following topics:

(i) Pragmatics theories: neo-Gricean approaches, relevance theory, theory of mind, meaning, role of context, semantics-pragmatics interface, explicature, implicature, speech act theory, presuppositions, im/politeness, experimental pragmatics, etc.
(ii) Intercultural, cross-cultural and societal aspects of pragmatics: research involving more than one language and culture or varieties of one language, lingua franca, technologically mediated communication, bilinguals’ language use, intercultural misunderstandings, effect of dual language and multilingual systems on the development and use of pragmatic skills, language of aggression and conflict, etc.
(iii) Applications: usage and corpus-based approaches, pragmatic competence, teachability and learnability of pragmatic skills, pragmatic variations within one language and across languages, developmental pragmatics, etc.

Conference website
http://clas-pages.uncc.edu/ampra/

Confirmed plenary speakers
Laurence Horn (Yale University)
Kasia Jaszczolt (University of Cambridge)
Istvan Kecskes (State University of New York, Albany)
Robin Lakoff (University of California, Berkeley)
John Perry (Stanford University)

2)
MIC Sorbonne 2012 Interdisciplinary Workshop, Sorbonne University, Paris, France, November, 16, 2012
Sorbonne, Paris – SUNY, Albany Graduate Student Symposium, Sorbonne University, Paris, France, November 17, 2012

The Meta-Informative Centering Theory (MIC) is currently being developed at CELTA (Centre de Linguistique Theorique et Appliquee), Sorbonne, Paris. The workshop is intended to discuss major issues in the MIC theory in connection with the Centering Theory (a framework for modeling the local coherence of discourse), on the one hand, and the socio-cognitive approach (SCA) to pragmatics developed at State University of New York at Albany, on the other hand.
In the Graduate Student Symposium three PhD students from the Sorbonne program and three PhD students from the Albany program will present their research.

Venue: Universite de Paris-Sorbonne (Paris 4)
Centre de Linguistique Théorique et Appliquée (CELTA - EA 3553)
Maison de la Recherche
28, rue Serpente
75006 Paris
Website: http://celta.paris-sorbonne.fr/

Course requirements:

1) Participate in the scientific activities

AMPRA conference:
- be present at each of the five plenary lectures,
- participate in one of the three parallel sessions that will be held on the topics described above,
- it is not required but if you think that you can make a presentation at the conference, you should submit an abstract at the conference website. Deadline: April 15th.

Sorbonne-Paris:
- be present at the presentations during the two days (Nov. 16-17),
- use the opportunity to meet peers and scholars to discuss issues raised in the presentations as a preparation for your paper.
2) Write a term paper based on the topic of one of the parallel sessions or plenary lectures at either of the two events.

During the semester you will need to have two meetings with the course supervisor, Prof. Istvan Kecskes to discuss your selected topic and paper. Each student in this class should ask for an individual schedule for these meetings.

**Deadline for paper submission:** 13:00, December 6, 2012
Papers should be submitted electronically as an attachment to the following address: istvan.kecskes@gmail.com

The final examination paper is a professional paper following the guidelines of either APA or MLA style. The paper cannot be shorter than 12 double-spaced pages (plus references and tables if needed), and cannot be longer than 30 double-spaced pages (plus references and tables if needed).
Focus: review of the selected issue from your OWN perspective using conference materials and lectures.

Credits will be awarded only if both requirements are met in full. Credits can be used to fulfill one of the following requirements in the TESOL program: Linguistics; Language in use; or Elective

3) Useful information:

**AMPRA conference Charlotte:**
You should arrange for your own travel and accommodation. Please go to the conference website to get registration and accommodation information:
http://clas-pages.uncc.edu/ampra

**Sorbonne, Paris:**
You should arrange for your own travel and accommodation. Sorbonne recommends the following accommodation for Albany students (very cheap and good):
CISP bd Kellerman (very quick metro to Sorbonne)

If you are interested in participating please contact Prof. Kecskes at istvan.kecskes@gmail.com