

COURSE DETAIL

PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Maastricht University - University College Maastricht

Program(s)

University College Maastricht

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

103

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

UCEAP Transcript Title

PHIL OF LANGUAGE

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

The philosophy of language is concerned with the role that language plays in thinking, or more specifically: knowing. As such it is closely related to epistemology and philosophic theories on truth. But ultimately, the role of language also turns out to be essential when we make the transition from judgments about the world to moral judgments, i.e. judgments that express how we should act within that world. This course considers how the study of language has been at the focus of interest of philosophers throughout the history of philosophy, and that the way in which the function of language is interpreted, is intimately connected with a philosopher's world view in general. The course specifically pays attention to the philosophers Gottlob Frege, Bertrand Russell, and Ludwig Wittgenstein, but touches upon the works of a variety of other philosophers, such as William of Ockham, David Hume and Immanuel Kant. The course explores fundamental properties of language that allow it to be a medium of thought and knowledge. Among these properties are truth, meaning and reference, notions that are closely linked together in what is often called the "triangle of language". Developing the skills of thinking philosophically about language has an impact beyond the immediately related philosophical topics.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HUM2044

Host Institution Course Title

PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

Host Institution Campus

University College Maastricht

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Humanities

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