

# 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

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## Host Institution Course Details

## Host Institution Campus

University College Maastricht

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

**Host Institution Department**

Humanities

**Course Last Reviewed**

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