COURSE DETAIL

ARGUMENTATION I

Country
Netherlands

Host Institution
Maastricht University – University College Maastricht

Program(s)
University College Maastricht

UCEAP Course Level
Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Communication

UCEAP Course Number
15

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
ARGUMENTATION I

UCEAP Transcript Title
ARGUMENTATION I

UCEAP Quarter Units
2.00

UCEAP Semester Units
1.30

Course Description

The first part of this course serves as an introduction to the general characteristics and typology of arguments. Furthermore, students learn how arguments can be standardized and how argumentative structures can be visualized by drawing patterns. This part of the course also contains an introductory lecture, entitled "Standardizing Arguments". In part two, an informal but systematic method for evaluating the quality of arguments, the ARG method, is introduced. During this part of the course an introduction to bad arguments, so-called fallacies, is provided as well. A lecture on evaluating arguments accompanies this part of the course. In the third part, the knowledge and skills provided in the first two parts are applied to complete texts, seeking to isolate the arguments they present systematically and evaluate whether or not they are good arguments. In part four, standardization and patterns of arguments, as well as the ARG method, are used to construct arguments. Furthermore, students practice how the skills learned throughout the course can be applied to writing academic papers. Students considering enrolling for the skill training in argumentation should be aware that the course does not focus on rhetoric and debating skills (although it can be assumed that the analytical skills acquired in this course will be helpful for debates). Prerequisite: Students who take the course need to have written at least one academic paper.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
SKI2049

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Host Institution Course Details
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Host Institution Campus

Maastricht University

Host Institution Faculty
University College Maastricht

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Skills

Course Last Reviewed
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