

# COURSE DETAIL

## SYNTAX AND SEMANTICS

**Country**

Japan

**Host Institution**

Keio University

**Program(s)**

Keio University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Lower Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Linguistics

**UCEAP Course Number**

80

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

SYNTAX AND SEMANTICS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

SYNTAX & SEMANTICS

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

3.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

2.00

## Course Description

In the 1950s, Noam Chomsky revolutionized the study of linguistics by treating language as something produced by the human brain. From this change in perspective, the study of language became an indirect way of studying the human mind. In addition to opening up new ways to approach the subject, this change also built a foundation for doing linguistics as a science. Grammar is seen not as a known set of rules that people need to study in order to learn but rather as the rules that result from the human mind trying to make sense of the language it is exposed to. In this class we will look at two sub-areas of linguistics from this perspective: syntax (the study of phrase structure in language) and semantics (the study of linguistic meaning).

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

N/A

### Host Institution Course Title

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### Host Institution Campus

Keio University

### Host Institution Faculty

### Host Institution Degree

### Host Institution Department

Humanities and Social Science

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