COURSE DETAIL

PRAGMATICS
Country Japan
Host Institution Waseda University
Program(s) Waseda University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Linguistics
UCEAP Course Number 110
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title PRAGMATICS
UCEAP Transcript Title PRAGMATICS
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

Pragmatics is the study of the meaning of linguistic expressions in context (linguistic and otherwise). Speakers of any language need to grasp different kinds of meaning other than the so-called “literal” one (i.e. propositional meaning) to express what they wish to convey. Pragmatics is also necessary to understand what other people have said or written. Most of the time, people perform this task without much effort, but explicating how it is done is no simple task. This course explores how meaning interacts with structure.

The course addresses meanings of the predicate (including thematic roles); functions of nominal expressions (including deixis); politeness, and viewpoint. The special focus is on expressive meanings. Some of these issues are universally found whilst others are salient only in certain languages.

Students who enroll in this course must understand basic concepts in theoretical linguistics. If most students have not taken a pragmatics course, the first few classes will be spent discussing basic concepts in syntax and morphology so that they can later explore multifaceted aspects of "meaning" and apply them for analyses of actual language use.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
LNGT385L/CO454

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CONTEXT AND LANGUAGE: PRAGMATICS

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Host Institution Campus SILS
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Host Institution Department SILS - Linguistics
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