

# COURSE DETAIL

## MEANING AND INTERPRETATION

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

University College London

**Program(s)**

University College London

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Philosophy

**UCEAP Course Number**

108

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

MEANING AND INTERPRETATION

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

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**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

On the standard conception of the place of linguistic meaning and mental content in the world, there are facts about what speakers mean by linguistic expressions and about what people believe and desire. Interpretation is the process by which we gain access to these facts—we use the evidence at our disposal to determine what people mean by what they say and the contents of their mental states. On this standard conception, facts about meaning and content are generated by connections between language and the mind, on the one hand, and the world, on the other. These facts do not depend in any way on the interpretative procedures by which we seek to discover them. Since the last few decades of the 20th century, several philosophers have challenged this conception, arguing that facts about linguistic meaning and mental content are somehow produced by the procedures that we employ for ascribing meanings and contents. The goal of this course is to provide a general introduction to this approach.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

PHIL0176

### Host Institution Course Title

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### Host Institution Campus

University College London

### Host Institution Faculty

### Host Institution Degree

### Host Institution Department

Philosophy

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