

# COURSE DETAIL

## VARIATION AND UNIVERSALITY IN NATURAL LANGUAGE

**Country**

Netherlands

**Host Institution**

Utrecht University

**Program(s)**

Utrecht University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Linguistics

**UCEAP Course Number**

115

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

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

LANGUAGE VARIATION

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## **Course Description**

This course furthers knowledge of grammatical theorizing, building on introductory linguistics courses. It focuses on methodological rigor, and addresses language variation from a typological perspective. Morphological and syntactic research in the last decennia has convincingly proven that it is possible to explain language phenomena in a wide variety of languages with a limited set of abstract principles interacting in a way that one can describe as “unity in diversity”. This course shows how syntax (and morphology) provide on the one hand an instrument for the principles of scientific theorizing and scientific thought, while on the other hand, how one can apply these tools to address language variation, and can steer research in acquisition and psycholinguistics. In this course students learn how to apply the core principles in the morphology and syntax of natural language when analyzing diverse material from a range of language, using different empirical courses, including corpora, databases, grammars, etc.

## **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

## **Host Institution Course Number**

TW3V17001

## **Host Institution Course Title**

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## **Host Institution Course Details**

## **Host Institution Campus**

Humanities

## **Host Institution Faculty**

## **Host Institution Degree**

## **Host Institution Department**

Languages, Literature, and Communication

## **Course Last Reviewed**

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