

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 Campus

Humanities

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Languages, Literature, and Communication

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