

# COURSE DETAIL

## REASON AND PERSUASION

**Country**

Singapore

**Host Institution**

National University of Singapore

**Program(s)**

National University of Singapore

**UCEAP Course Level**

Lower Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Philosophy

**UCEAP Course Number**

20

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

REASON AND PERSUASION

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

REASON & PERSUASION

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

The first part of this course examines Plato (a 5th-century BC Greek, of whom it has been said, 'All of Western thought is just footnotes to Plato'), and Descartes (a 17th-century Frenchman, of 'I think therefore I am' fame). The second part of the course discusses questions and problems raised by Plato and Descartes. Students discuss the metaphysics of mind and consciousness, and ponder the politics of freedom. The title of the course hints at a basic question: what sorts of ways of convincing people, and being convinced by people - about life, about anything - are good ways?

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

GEM1004/GET1027

## Host Institution Course Title

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## Host Institution Campus

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

Philosophy

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