

# COURSE DETAIL

## READING PHILOSOPHERS

**Country**

Netherlands

**Host Institution**

Maastricht University - University College Maastricht

**Program(s)**

University College Maastricht

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Philosophy

**UCEAP Course Number**

106

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

READING PHILOSOPHERS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

READING PHILOSOPHER

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

In this course, well known philosophical texts are read and analyzed in detail. Reading philosophers, that is, the reading of some of their primary texts, is not just a pleasure in itself: the more interesting philosophers are also famous stylists. But it is also important to read texts instead of always relying on handbooks or (Internet) encyclopedia to acquaint oneself central ideas of philosophers. There is a lot to learn from reading philosophers themselves, how they position themselves in the tradition of philosophy and in the contemporary intellectual debate, to determine what interesting problems are, and how one could go about searching answers or even solutions. Reading philosophers themselves also has merit for another reason: it turns out philosophers use a variety of writing styles and publication media like a scientific treatise, monograph, an essay, a collection of aphorisms or a novel. And last but not least: they provide best introduction into some of the classical philosophical problems like: What can we know? should we value? What is justice? Is there something like moral sense? This course focuses on a group of six philosophers: Plato, Spinoza, Voltaire, Schopenhauer, Wittgenstein, and Margalit. They are responsible for some of the philosophical work that has been produced in the western tradition.

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

HUM2054

## Host Institution Course Title

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## Host Institution Campus

University College Maastricht

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

Humanities

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