

COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO SIGN LINGUISTICS

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

Trinity College Dublin

Program(s)

Irish Universities, Trinity College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Linguistics

UCEAP Course Number

104

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

INTRODUCTION TO SIGN LINGUISTICS

UCEAP Transcript Title

SIGN LINGUISTICS

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.70

Course Description

This course gives students a basic understanding of the linguistic structures of Irish Sign Language (ISL). It introduces the basic descriptive parameters of the language. Focus is particularly on the phonetic, phonological, morphological, and morph-syntactic breakdown of ISL, with reference to other signed language given to provide a cross-linguistic comparator. Topics include analysis of the basic parameters of a sign, compounding processes in ISL, verb categories in ISL, non-manual features, and use of space in ISL. Later, particular focus is on the morpho-syntax, semantics, and pragmatics of ISL. Topics for discussion include the identification of word order in ISL, use of topic constructions, question marking, negation, reflexives and reciprocals in ISL, and passive constructions. Other issues addressed include iconicity and gesture, and their relationship to signed languages.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DF108A

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Campus

Trinity College Dublin

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Centre for Language and Communication Studies

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