

COURSE DETAIL

LANGUAGE, CULTURE, AND MIND

Country

Singapore

Host Institution

National University of Singapore

Program(s)

National University of Singapore

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Linguistics

UCEAP Course Number

109

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

LANGUAGE, CULTURE, AND MIND

UCEAP Transcript Title

LANG/CULTURE & MIND

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

It is generally assumed that language, culture, and our way of thinking are related. The relation, which is often called the Sapir-Whorf Hypothesis or linguistic relativity, has been the subject of serious philosophical, anthropological and scientific inquiry. Taking advantage of the extensive bilingualism in Singapore, this course selects a few salient grammatical features and critically examines them within the broader cultural and/or cognitive contexts. Topics discussed include pluralisation, classifier, tense and aspect, kinship, polysemy, metaphor and bilingual acquisition. Issues related to translation are also discussed.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

EL3209

Host Institution Course Title

LANGUAGE, CULTURE, AND MIND

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

English Language & Literature

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