

# COURSE DETAIL

## MEANING IN LANGUAGE

**Country**

Netherlands

**Host Institution**

Utrecht University

**Program(s)**

Utrecht University

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Linguistics

**UCEAP Course Number**

109

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

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

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**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

This course offers a thorough introduction into semantics and a first encounter with pragmatics, the two disciplines that deal with meaning in natural language. Although meaning might seem like an elusive phenomenon, there are in fact many different methods in various disciplines that consider the meaning of words and sentences in terms of reference, concepts, truth, context, and inference. A number of meaning phenomena and approaches are featured in this course (with an important role for formal semantics, the analysis of meaning with logical and mathematical tools) including: general notions in the study of meaning in semantics and pragmatics: truth conditions, reference, compositionality, entailment, presuppositions, implicatures, speech acts; analysis and description of lexical meaning phenomena: hyponymy, antonymy, polysemy, prototypes, aspect, referentiality, decomposition; propositional and predicate logic (connectives, truth tables, variables, quantifiers, scope).

## Language(s) of Instruction

English

## Host Institution Course Number

TW2V13001

## Host Institution Course Title

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## Host Institution Course Details

<https://osiris-student.uu.nl/onderwijscatalogus/extern/cursussen>

## Host Institution Campus

Utrecht University

## Host Institution Faculty

Humanities

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

Languages, Literature, and Communication

**Course Last Reviewed**

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