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 MEANING IN LANGUAGE
UCEAP Transcript Title MEANING IN LANGUAGE
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

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