

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

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Host Institution Campus

Utrecht University

Host Institution Faculty

Humanities

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Languages, Literature, and Communication

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