COURSE DETAIL

LANGUAGE IN USE: INTRODUCTION TO PRAGMATICS (LEVEL 2)
Country United Kingdom - England
Host Institution University College London
Program(s) Summer at University College London
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Linguistics
UCEAP Course Number 125
UCEAP Course Suffix S
UCEAP Official Title LANGUAGE IN USE: INTRODUCTION TO PRAGMATICS (LEVEL 2)
UCEAP Transcript Title INTRO TO PRAGMATICS
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course is an introduction to linguistic pragmatics, an interdisciplinary subfield of linguistics which studies the relationship between language form and language use. It seeks to understand what it is to use language or what we do when we use language (Verschueren 1999). The course is divided into three units: the basic theoretical concepts in pragmatics, such as Grice's maxims of conversation, conversational implicatures, deixis, and speech acts; key analytical (and contentious) issues such as salience and implicit meaning by analyzing different types of discourse; and the analysis of conversational interaction. Here, students explore such phenomena as turn-taking and preference structure, politeness phenomena, formulaic language, humor, and pragmatic/discourse markers.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
ISSU0136

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Centre for Languages and International Education

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