

# 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**

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**UCEAP Official Title**

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**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

### **Host Institution Course Title**

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<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/summer-school/modules/language-in-use>

### **Host Institution Campus**

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

**Host Institution Department**

Centre for Languages and International Education

**Course Last Reviewed**

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