

# COURSE DETAIL

## PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

**Country**

United Kingdom - England

**Host Institution**

London School of Economics

**Program(s)**

London School of Economics

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Philosophy

**UCEAP Course Number**

118

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

PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

PHIL OF LANGUAGE

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

We use language all the time to express our thoughts and understand others. But how does language work? Key questions covered in this course include: how do names refer to an object? Do words mean whatever we intend or use them to mean? What role does convention play in fixing meanings? Are our terms vague, or precise? Can a person have a private language? How do we communicate beyond the literal? What are speech acts and are they available to everyone in our society? All of these questions are of interest in their own right, and also have applications to further issues in philosophy and beyond.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

PH238

### Host Institution Course Title

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### Host Institution Campus

### Host Institution Faculty

### Host Institution Degree

### Host Institution Department

Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method

### Course Last Reviewed

2024-2025

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