

COURSE DETAIL

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Country

Korea, South

Host Institution

Seoul National University

Program(s)

Seoul National University

UCEAP Course Level

Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

30

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title

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UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course introduces the study of meaning. With the rapid rise in practical applications of artificial intelligence systems, it is now more crucial than ever for us to define what it means to be human, and there is nothing more humanistic than studying the concept of meaning itself.

Students engage with some of the most influential scientific, literary, and philosophical texts that have shaped the world today with the objective to move beyond a passive understanding. Students are challenged to think critically and actively about how the ideas put forth in these texts have come to be rejected, revised, and/or replaced, and how this very process of the shifting dominant narrative of meaning (i.e., not just the works by themselves in isolation) continues to influence the society and culture that they currently live in.

Topics include Writing systems, Rhetoric, Similes, metaphors, and meaning, Creating new knowledge via logic, What is knowledge, Are signs arbitrary, Meaning as behavior, Language and thought Sarcasm, Mathematical meaning (axiomatic system), Mathematical meaning (axiomatic system), Can computers and AI understand meaning, Society and language use, How might aliens define meaning.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

V10.126

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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