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**Philosophy of Mind PHI 241**

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**Course Description**  
Philosophy of Mind is a major area of both historical and contemporary philosophy. This course surveys that area. It examines critically fundamental questions of mind and consciousness, such as the mind-body problem, artificial intelligence, and personal identity..

**Text**

K. T, Maslin, *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind, Second Edition*, Polity 2007 ISBN 10: [0745640745](https://www.abebooks.com/9780745640747/Introduction-Philosophy-Mind-2nd-Edition-0745640745/plp) / ISBN 13: [9780745640747](https://www.abebooks.com/9780745640747/Introduction-Philosophy-Mind-2nd-Edition-0745640745/plp)

**All other readings can be accessed from the syllabus on D2L.**

**Course Requirements**

1. This course will be conducted mainly as a seminar. It is therefore essential that you come to class fully prepared to discuss the assigned reading. Class participation counts for 20% of final grade. Attendance will be taken at the start of each class. Your grade for class participation will be calculated by the percentage of classes that you attend and the quality of your participation.
2. Two short papers (approximately 2-3 typewritten pages each). Note: papers must be handed in on the date that they are due, as they are keyed to the reading assignment for that day. Each paper counts for 15% of final grade.
3. Term paper (30% of the grade). The term paper should be approximately ten pages in length and should utilize at least two sources (books or articles in academic journals or anthologies) not covered in class. A one-page proposal for your term paper is due on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.. The term paper is due by 1:30 PM on Thursday, May 2, 2024.
4. Final examination 20% of final grade.

Note: This syllabus is a working document. Assignments may be added or deleted at the discretion of the instructor.

**Schedule of Readings**

1. The Mind/Body Problem

K. T. Maslin, Chapter 1

1. Dualism
   1. K.T. Maslin, Chapter 2
   2. [Descartes](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tFg62tX0gOvlG7bDtDkGgTCg-YPPwkJC/view?usp=drive_link), Selections from *Meditations on First Philosophy,* Mediations II and VI and Forth *Replies, Principles of Philosophy* I: 9,11,32-35,66-71, Letter to Elizabeth (6-28-43), *Discourse on the Method of Rightly Conducting One’s Reason and Seeking the Truth in the Sciences* V, Letter to the Marquess of Newcastle (11-23-46) and Letter to More (2-5-49) pp. 21-37
   3. [Thomas Nagel](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1W4yoUrx8gy-HhoBqEWwXlaWBYPy8h3lf), “What Is It Like to Be a Bat?” pp. 422-428
2. The Mind/Brain Identity Theory
   1. K. T. Maslin, Chapter 3
   2. [J.J.C. Smart](https://drive.google.com/open?id=162ggzlfortIXf_wVIRj-D79FlWnFsJWX), “Sensations and Brain Processes” pp. 169-176
   3. Jerome Shaffer\*, “Mental Events and the Brain” pp. 176-180
   4. [Paul M. Churchland](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uIYaauY3wSbO4FbX9OHhVE17_I3Xqs5q/view?usp=drive_link), “Eliminative Materialism”
3. Behaviorism
   1. K. T. Maslin, Chapter 4
   2. [Gilbert Ryle](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1DBtjVNVHsGHej2TSuchpe3I7rfwyCYVw), “Descartes’ Myth” pp. 51-57
   3. [P.F. Strawson](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1A0uFpStPvc1Fdm4LQhtCBhIsBiM4dRX5), “Self, Mind and Body” pp. 58-62
   4. [Hilary Putnam](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IDBzQXyJfJNTSOE7gX5P5GetEBSlyJ1p/view?usp=drive_link), “Brains and Behavior” pp.151-159
4. Functionalism
   1. K. T. Maslin, Chapter 5
   2. [Hilary Putnam](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aLtbEfIVA8nv6GC5qtrUTlTN2640kSjg/view?usp=drive_link), “The Nature of Mental States” pp. 197-203
   3. David Lewis:
      1. [Review of Putnam](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1czneF5X7vF_3qrh7Pw9qD-G8MYrt5tA-/view?usp=drive_link)
      2. [“Postscript: Knowing What It Is Like”](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gerlsXiBet_vObo6TeZPMxttKbba3SI9/view?usp=drive_link) pp. 234-235
   4. [Ned Block](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1Ryo2zw6NkQdMCKo12hD5LML-y4RC9wS2), “Troubles with Functionalism” pp. 211-228
   5. [Frank Jackson](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1LJAj77lDW4Qi7twpX6u2Gi0eNKumwXhp), “What Mary Didn’t Know” pp. 392-394

Recommended:

John R. Searle:

* 1. [“Minds, Brains, and Programs”](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1T8VBI73J3YBV6uqUOpai6S_Ej_lEIDB1)
     1. Commentary by [J.A. Fodor and Searle’s response](https://drive.google.com/open?id=16H4zdQLcWmKRzMUQnD1ycF9DWgBNk_Lv) pp. 509-523
  2. [“Yin and Yang Strike Out”](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1sTeo2VUXqeiYVzW5yh2TajVIkNYdlVQh) pp. 525-526

[Hilary Putnam](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1xsVToBjQqpIKV5opUEr5C8QPDTDI4Wf7), “Computational Psychology and Interpretation Theory” pp. 527-535

1. Taking Consciousness Seriously: Non-Reductive Monism
   1. K. T. Maslin, Chapter 6
2. Psychophysical Causation
   1. K. T. Maslin, Chapter 7
   2. [Donald Davidson](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wHXJHkXDZSW4sOIQMEnhph0c5YNGPafo/view?usp=drive_link), “Mental Events” pp. 247-256
   3. [Jaegwon Kim](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Q6u9e6YM8J3sonzTm1rA5tIZFPb3LIEN/view?usp=drive_link), “Epiphenomenal and Supervenient Causation” pp. 257-265
   4. [John Haugueland](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IXTvaGZDmP85O2knp2zBov4MTO2bQYdS/view?usp=drive_link), “Ontological Supervenience”
   5. Robert Van Gulick\*, “Who’s in Charge here? And Who’s Doing All the Work?”
3. Consciousness
   1. David Chalmers:
      1. [“Facing up to the Problem of consciousness”](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OqskFBdBw_kxoGxWYmIFk8gcthP9_4Uv/view?usp=drive_link)
      2. [“Can Consciousness Be Reductively Explained?”](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1H-UT7n02fAMddw3c0ZLIe81fSCyMgsUA/view?usp=drive_link)
   2. Reommended: Owen Flanagan\*, “Prospects for a Unified Theory of consciousness or What Dreams are Made of”

9. The Problem of Other Minds

a. K. T. Maslin, Chapter 8

10. Personal Identify as Psychological Continuity

a. K. T. Maslin Chapter 9

b. John Locke, Selections from *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding*

c. Derek Parfit, “The Unimportance of Personal Identity”

11. Personal Identity as Bodily Continuity

a. K. T. Maslin, Chapter 10

b. Eric Olson, An Argument for Animalism

c. Bernard Williams, “The Self and the Future”

Additional Recommended Readings:

1. [Frank Jackson](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dmnqkSzaDHwHm3Y4_ssakU8mLsWFB017/view?usp=drive_link), “Epiphenomenal Qualia”
2. [Paul M. Churchland](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uIYaauY3wSbO4FbX9OHhVE17_I3Xqs5q/view?usp=drive_link), “Eliminative Materialism”
3. [David Lewis](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Oj3OQgiOQ-YBr8buuyZBiwNWFDPyErJE/view?usp=drive_link), “Knowing What It’s Like”
4. [Barbara Montero](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KwUyZ1TrrT199y-Sx_kyte10-G1HJ_FW/view?usp=drive_link), “Rethinking the Mind-Body Problem”
5. David Lewis,[“Mad Pain and Martian Pain”](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wBM35N9t_jZhvwi1YpP50KQNgqtQ0I4u/view?usp=drive_link) pp. 229-234
6. [Paul Feyerabend](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C_4obF_Cdz6FG88l9q5Ll_ZECQkqlW5U/view?usp=drive_link), “Mental Events and the Brain” pp. 266-267
7. [Richard Rorty](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ox-EVuS7uTMk9nM-Avk5q-_S-DACy5f4/view?usp=drive_link), “Persons Without Minds” pp. 268-286
8. [Daniel Dennett](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1miURuhYTmEFUa61QX9p6IOUzqdDUfqS8/view?usp=drive_link), “The Intentional Strategy and Why it Works