

PHIL 260 A01 - Fall 2022
Introduction to Philosophy of Mind

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CRN: 12733

Time: Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday 11:30 am – 12:20 pm.

Place: ECS108

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Description: This course will examine fundamental philosophical questions regarding the nature of the mind. Specifically: What is the relationship between the mind and the body? Is the mind immaterial? What is consciousness? Posting course materials to notesharing sites or otherwise circulating course materials without the permission of your instructor violates the Policy on Academic Integrity (https://www.uvic.ca/calendar/undergrad/index.php#/policy/Sk_0xsM_V?bc=true&bcCurrent=08%20%20Policy%20on%20Academic%20Integrity&bcGroup=Undergraduate%20Academic%20Regulations&bcItem=police). Any evidence you are circulating materials without permission will be referred to the Chair of the Philosophy Department for investigation.

Evaluation: The course will be graded as follows:

- x 2 mid-terms, worth 15% and 25%
- x A term paper 25% (30 double-spaced pages);
- x A final examination worth 35%.

Policy on assignments, tests, and term papers: late papers will receive a deduction of 5% per day until handed in. Any exam missed without documentation of illness or family emergency will receive a 0. Also: constant use of your phone during class can lead to a deduction in your course grade.

Important to Note: It is expected that students will prepare for and attend class regularly. Students are encouraged to consult the instructor with any problems or concerns about the course early in the semester.

Grading System:

Percentages	Letter Grade	Grade Point
90 - 100	A+	9
85 - 89	A	8
80 - 84	A-	7

A+, A, or A- is earned by work which is technically superior, shows mastery of the subject matter, and in the case of an A+ offers original insight and/or goes beyond course expectations. Normally achieved by a minority of students

77 - 79	B+	6
73 - 76	B	5
70 - 72	B-	4

A B+, B, or B- is earned by work that indicates good comprehension of the course material, a good command of the skills needed to work with the course material, and the

Interpretation of these grade definitions is up to the discretion of the instructor. If you receive a grade during the course that you believe is unfair, please begin by discussing the matter with the instructor (or TA) in a respectful, ~~opened~~ ^{open} manner. Rest assured that if you still believe the grade you received is unfair you can appeal the matter to the chair of the department.

For ~~an~~ additional information regarding grades, please see the most recent (September 2021) edition of the Uvic Undergraduate Calendar.

Readings:

- x Levin, J. "Functionalism" (Read Section: "1. What is Functionalism")?
- x Fodor, J. "The Mind-Body Problem"

Week 7 (Oct 18, Oct 19 & Oct 21): Artificial Intelligence

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