



CAMOSUN COLLEGE
School of Arts & Science
Humanities

Phil. 207-1, Philosophy of Mind
Fall, 2011

COURSE OUTLINE

Instructor	Dr. Justine Noel		
Office Hours	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 am -12:30 pm Wednesdays, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm		
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Course Schedule:

Lectures: Mondays, 10:30 am - 11:20 am (Y-316)
Wednesdays, 10:30 am - 11:20 am (Y-316)

Seminars: Group A - Mondays, 12:30 pm - 1:20 pm (Y-316)
Group B - Wednesdays, 12:30 pm - 1:20 pm (Y-316)

Intended Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course students should be able to

- explain the central problems in contemporary Philosophy of Mind
- describe the fundamental theories of the nature of consciousness
- compare the various theories studied, for example, Functionalism, Materialism, Property Dualism, Behaviorism
- critically analyze philosophical arguments concerning the nature of mind
- take a position in the debate and provide good reasons to support that position

Text: Consciousness: An Introduction, 2nd ed., Susan Blackmore, Oxford UP

Course Requirements:

Mid-term examination: 30%
6 quizzes: 10% (2% each, one throwaway)
Final exam: 40% (date tba, final exam period)
Class Participation/Attendance in seminars: 5%
Position paper: 10% (due last day of class)
Seminar Discussion Leader: 5%

Reading Assignments

Week 1: Problems in the Philosophy of Mind

09/7 Introduction to Philosophy of Mind

Week 2: Problems cont.

09/12 Section 1:1, 1:2

09/14 Section 1:3, **QUIZ #1**

Seminar: "Mary the Colour Scientist", p.23, "What is it like being me now?" p.21

Week 3: The World

09/19 Section 2:4

09/21 Section 2:5

Seminar: Section 2:6, Change/Inattentional Blindness

Week 4: The Self

09/26 Section 3:7

09/28 Section 3:8, 3:9, **QUIZ #2**

Seminar: "Split-Brain Twins", p.114, "The Teletransporter", p.119

Week 5: The Brain

10/3 Section 4:10

10/5 Section 4:11

Seminar: Section 4:12, "The Rubber Hand", p.168, "Where is this pain?", p.164

Week 6: Exam

10/10 Thanksgiving, no class

10/12 ****Mid-term exam****

Week 7: Evolution

10/17 Section 5:13, 5:14

10/19 Section 5:15, **QUIZ #3**

Seminar: "The Sentience Line", p.219, "Is this a meme?", p.233

Week 8: Artificial Consciousness

10/24 Section 6:16

10/26 Section 6:16 cont.

Seminar: Section 6:17, The Chinese Room, p.278-281

Week 9: Artificial Consciousness cont.

10/31 Section 6:18

11/2 Section 6:18 cont., **QUIZ #4**

Seminar: "What is it that is conscious?", p.293, Kismet the Sociable Robot, p.289

Week 10: Borderlands

11/7 Section 7: 19

11/9 Section 7: 19 cont.

Seminar: Section 7: 20, "the concept of "flow", p.317

Week 11: Borderlands cont.

11/14 Section 7: 20

11/16 Section 7: 20 cont., **QUIZ #5**

Seminar: Section 7: 21, "paranormal" experiences, "Telepathy Tests", p.344-345

Week 12: Altered States of Consciousness

11/21 Section 8:22

11/23 Section 8:23

Seminar: "Discussing ASC's", p.369

Week 13: Altered States of Consciousness cont./First-Person Approaches

11/28 Section 8: 24, **QUIZ #6**

11/30 Section 9:25

Seminar: "Inducing Lucid Dreams", p.386

Week 14: First-Person Approaches

12/5 Section 9: 25 cont.

12/7 Section 9: 26, Review for final exam, **paper due**

Seminar: Section 9: 27, discussion of the practice "Mindfulness", p.449

Grading System: the following percentage conversion to letter grade will be used:

A+	90-100%
A	85-89%
A-	80-84%
B+	77-79%
B	73-76%
B-	70-72%
C+	65-69%
C	60-64%
D	50-59%
F	0-49%

Policy on missed tests: make-up tests will be permitted only in cases of illness or personal crisis. A make-up test will not be scheduled until proper documentation is provided.

Policy on missed quizzes: there are NO make-ups for quizzes, and NO exceptions will be made. Latecomers can still write the quiz, but not once quizzes have been collected.

Cell phones: students are not permitted to use cell phones in class. **Remember to TURN OFF your cell phone for class.**

Laptop computers may be used for note taking only - watching sports, videos, etc., playing music, online chatting, doing email and so on is not permitted in class.

Missing classes: if you miss a class due to illness, or some other reason, it is not necessary to notify me, **unless** a test is missed. There is no need to notify me if you miss a quiz. If classes are missed, it is the student's responsibility to find out from another student what was covered.

Disruptive behaviour: while the instructor is speaking, students are not permitted to talk. Students who are unable to manage class etiquette will be asked to leave.

Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course:

LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

<p>There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College Calendar, Registrar's Office or the College web site at http://www.camosun.bc.ca</p>
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ACADEMIC CONDUCT POLICY

There is an Academic Conduct Policy. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, Registration, and on the College web site in the Policy Section.