



CAMOSUN COLLEGE
School of Arts & Science
Humanities

Phil. 207-1, Philosophy of Mind
Fall, 2013

COURSE OUTLINE

Instructor	Dr. Justine Noel		
Office Hours	Monday to Wednesday, 10:30 am -11:30 am Thursday, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm		
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Course Schedule:

Lectures: Mondays, 12:30 pm - 1:20 pm (Y-325)
Wednesdays, 12:30 pm - 1:20 pm (Y-325)

Seminars: Group A - Mondays, 1:30 pm - 2:20 pm (Y-325)
Group B - Wednesdays, 1:30 pm - 2:20 pm (Y-325)

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, Susan Blackmore, Oxford UP

Course Requirements:

- 3 Tests: 45% (15% each)
- Final exam: 35% (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

9/4 Introduction to Philosophy of Mind Section 1:1

Week 2: Problems cont.

9/9 Section 1:2

9/11 Section 1:3

Seminar: "Mary the Colour Scientist", p.23

Week 3: The World

9/16 Section 2:4

9/18 Section 2:6

Seminar: Change Blindness and Inattentional Blindness

Week 4: The Self

9/23 **TEST #1**

9/25 Section 3:7

Seminar: "The Teletransporter", p.119

Week 5: The Self cont.

9/30 Section 3:8

10/2 Section 3:9

Seminar: "Who is Conscious Now?" p.106

Week 6: The Brain, Evolution

10/7 Section 4:11

10/9 Sections 5.13 and 5:14

Seminar: "The Sentience Line": p.219

Week 7: Evolution cont.

10/14 Thanksgiving, no class

10/16 Section 5:15

Week 8: Artificial Consciousness

10/21 **TEST #2**

10/23 Section 6:17

Seminar: Documentary – "Human V2.0"

Week 9: Artificial Consciousness cont.

10/28 Section 6:18

10/30 Section 6:18 cont.

Seminar: "Kismet the Sociable Robot", p.289

Week 10: Borderlands

11/4 Section 7: 19

11/6 Section 7: 20

Seminar: "The Concept of Flow", p.317-318

Week 11: Borderlands cont.

11/11 Remembrance Day, no class

11/13 Section 7: 21

Week 12: Altered States of Consciousness

11/18 **TEST #3**

11/20 Section 8:22

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

Week 13: Altered States of Consciousness cont.

11/25 Section 8: 23

12/27 Section 8: 24

Seminar: "Inducing Lucid Dreams", p.386

Week 14: First-Person Approaches

12/2 Section 9: 25

12/4 Section 9: 26, Review for final exam, paper due

Seminar: Section 9: 27, "Mindfulness", p.449

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

Policy on cell phones/hand held electronic devices/headphones: not permitted in class

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%

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

LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

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>

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.