

Western University
Department of Philosophy
Undergraduate Course Outline Fall 2017

Philosophy 2400G: Introduction to Philosophy of Mind

Fall term 2017

Time: M 10:30-11:30 and W 10:30-12:30

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Description

What is the mind? Is the mind physical, or are mental states nothing over and above physical states? Which features of the mind are most difficult to explain, and how can we try to explain them? This course addresses these and other questions. Topics include dualism, physicalism, behaviourism, functionalism, consciousness, and intentionality.

Texts

Textbook TBA

Other readings available for free online through a university connection

Requirements

35% - Midterm paper (1000–1200 words)

45% - Final paper (1200–2000 words)

10% - In-class activities

10% - 10 responses (150–400 words)

You will be provided paper topics in advance. You may choose to write on your own topic, provided it is approved by me at least a week in advance of the paper due date.

Department policies

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