

WESTERN UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY  
Course Outline 2019/20

Philosophy 441079xxxB: Survey in Philosophy of Mind; Topic: Consciousness

Fall Term 2019

Th 2:30-5:30

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DESCRIPTION

Consciousness is perhaps the most familiar and yet illusive of all phenomena. In this course we study philosophical theories of consciousness, beginning with its essential subjective nature. We consider the "hard problem" and Phenomenal Intentionality Theory. Attempts to

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TEXTS

No required text. Readings available online or through OWL.

OBJECTIVES

1. Develop critical reading and writing skills necessary for graduate work in philosophy.
2. Develop oral presentation skills of original source material in contemporary philosophy of mind.
3. Develop writing skills for succinctly summarizing difficult material.
4. Determine the special nature of offering an account of consciousness: its essential first-person character.
5. Learn specific philosophical theories of consciousness, including



