

WESTERN UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Undergraduate Course Outline 2022/23

PHILOSOP 2400F
Introduction to Philosophy of Mind

Fall Term
Date and time: see timetable
Room: see timetable

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DESCRIPTION

◀ This course is an introduction to the philosophy of mind. It covers a broad range of topics, including:

- What is a person and under what conditions is one conscious?

- Does the determinism of physics imply that we have no free will?


TEXTS



OBJECTIVES

◀ By the end of this course, you should be able to explain and evaluate the main philosophical arguments and positions discussed in this course, and to apply philosophical ideas as well as other pursuits, including analyzing, and critically evaluating arguments, skills involved in effective oral and written communication, and fruitful engagement with peers.

- ◀ Two short essays of 1250 words each:
 - o The first essay, worth 40% of the mark, is due 10 days before the last day for dropping the course without penalty (actual date to be announced).
 - o The second essay, worth 60% of the mark, is due on the last day of classes.
 - o Essay topics are assigned.
 - o Topics typically have the form “Explained and discuss critically position X”. Students are expected to summarize the material learned in the course.

- o Essays must be submitted on OWL as MS Word (preferred) or PDF documents 

BLENDED FORMAT

This course is delivered in a blended format, combining online presentation with in-class discussion. The recorded online presentation replaces lectures. The class time (one hour per week) is for discussion of the topics.

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