

Liverpool John Moores University

Title: MIND, BODY AND SELF
Status: Definitive
Code: **5508MEDCUL** (115004)
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Owning School/Faculty: Humanities and Social Science
Teaching School/Faculty: St Helens College

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Academic Level: FHEQ5 **Credit Value:** 12.00 **Total Delivered Hours:** 40.75
Total Learning Hours: 120 **Private Study:** 79

Delivery Options

Course typically offered: Semester 1

Component	Contact Hours
Lecture	18.000
Tutorial	3.000
Workshop	18.000

Grading Basis: 40 %

Assessment Details

Category	Short Description	Description	Weighting (%)	Exam Duration
Essay	AS1	Essay of 2000 words to assess learning outcome 1. (Week 12)	50.0	
Exam	AS2	Examination to assess learning outcome 2. (Week 15) 1.45(hr)	50.0	1.75

Aims

To examine a range of philosophical accounts of the relationship between mind and body;

To explore a variety of issues related to the philosophy of mind such as, memory and personal identity, the problem of other minds and artificial intelligence.

Learning Outcomes

After completing the module the student should be able to:

- 1 Outline, contrast and evaluate a variety of philosophical arguments concerning the mind/body relationship.
- 2 Explain and assess arguments related to philosophical issues such as memory and personal identity, other minds, and artificial intelligence.

Learning Outcomes of Assessments

The assessment item list is assessed via the learning outcomes listed:

Essay of 2000 words	1
EXAM	2

Outline Syllabus

Cartesian dualism will be taken as the starting point for the study of theories and issues within the philosophy of mind. A variety of dualistic arguments will be explained, analysed and contrasted with monistic arguments. The accounts examined will include: Cartesian interactionism; Berkeley's idealism; Malebranche's occasionalism and Leibniz's psychophysical parallelism; Huxley's epiphenomenalism; Hobbesian materialism; Watson's psychological behaviourism; the analytic behaviourism of Ryle and Wittgenstein; mind/ brain identity theory. The problem of other minds will be investigated as will the possibility of artificial intelligence. Issues related to personal identity will be raised and explored with particular reference to the relationship between memory and selfhood, and Hume's 'bundle theory' of self.

Learning Activities

Lectures, class discussion, workshops, textual analysis, video presentations. Tutorial activity will focus on guidance with regard to assessment.

References

Course Material	Book
Author	Carruthers, P.
Publishing Year	2003
Title	The Nature of the Mind: An Introduction
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Routledge

ISBN	
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Course Material	Book
Author	Cottingham, J.
Publishing Year	2008
Title	Cartesian Reflections: Essays on Descartes's Philosophy
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Blackwell
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Crane, T.
Publishing Year	2001
Title	Elements of Mind: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Oxford University Press
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Descartes, R.
Publishing Year	2004
Title	The Discourse on Method and Meditations
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Dover Publications
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Graham, G.
Publishing Year	1998
Title	Philosophy of Mind: An Introduction
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Blackwell
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Heil, J. (ed.)
Publishing Year	2004
Title	Philosophy of Mind: A Contemporary Introduction
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Routledge
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Hospers, J.
Publishing Year	1997
Title	An Introduction to Philosophical Analysis 4th ed.
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Routledge
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Kim, J.
Publishing Year	2006
Title	Philosophy of Mind: Dimensions of Philosophy 2nd ed.
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Westview
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Sacks, O.
Publishing Year	1986
Title	The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Picador
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Sacks, O.
Publishing Year	2007
Title	Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Vintage Books
ISBN	

Course Material	Book
Author	Williams, B.
Publishing Year	2005
Title	Descartes: The Project of Pure Enquiry
Subtitle	
Edition	
Publisher	Routledge
ISBN	

Notes

Students will be introduced to theories and issues within the philosophy of mind. Dualistic theories will be analysed and contrasted with monistic accounts such as Hobbes's materialism and Berkeley's idealism. The problem of other minds will be investigated as will the possibility of artificial intelligence. Philosophical arguments concerning personal identity and memory will be examined and explored.