

COURSE DETAIL

CENTRAL PROBLEMS IN PHILOSOPHY A

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

Trinity College Dublin

Program(s)

Irish Universities, Trinity College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

100

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CENTRAL PROBLEMS IN PHILOSOPHY A

UCEAP Transcript Title

PROBLEMS IN PHIL

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

The first part of this course provides an introduction to philosophical reflection on religious belief and practice. Students focus on three questions: what is the relationship between faith and reason?; can belief in God be rational?; and what is the nature of religious practice? The second part of the course considers some central concepts and debates in the philosophy of mind. Students focus on the mind-body problem. This problem concerns the relationship between mental states (e.g. sensations, thoughts, beliefs, desires) and physical states (e.g. neural patterns), and how the two might interact in order to cause our behavior. Are our minds distinct from our brains, or are our sensations, thoughts, beliefs, and desires only particular patterns of neural activity? The course considers various theories that seek to solve the mind-body problem, including dualism, behaviorism, identity theory, and functionalism. Each of these theories differs in how they conceive the nature and role of mental states. An understanding of the problem allows students to consider related topics in the philosophy of mind, such as consciousness, intentionality, and personal identity.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

PI1010

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Host Institution Campus

Trinity College Dublin

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