

# 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**

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**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 Course Details**

## **Host Institution Campus**

Trinity College Dublin

## **Host Institution Faculty**

## **Host Institution Degree**

## **Host Institution Department**

Philosophy

## Course Last Reviewed

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