

COURSE DETAIL

MIND, MATTER AND LANGUAGE

Country

United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution

University of Edinburgh

Program(s)

University of Edinburgh

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

119

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

MIND, MATTER AND LANGUAGE

UCEAP Transcript Title

MIND/ MATTER & LANG

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course introduces students to some of the problems and concepts in philosophy of mind and philosophy of language that are central to philosophy. By examining in detail some of the key arguments and texts in philosophy of mind and language it develops students' ability to understand and be critical of philosophical argument. By the end of the course, students can: understand the philosophical positions of dualism, behaviourism, identity theory, intentional realism, instrumentalism and eliminativism; understand the so-called 'hard problem' of consciousness and be able to critically examine the crucial thought experiments designed to support the claims regarding its existence; understand the nature of the debate concerning folk psychology and our grip on other agents' mental states; become familiar with the central concepts in the theory of meaning; explain and argue for the distinction between the sense and reference of a linguistic expression; know the difference between the descriptive and causal theory of names and be able to explain the significance of the concept of rigid designation; and have some appreciation of the significance of these issues for other areas of philosophy. For students taking this as their only philosophy course, these students become unculcated with an understanding of the nature of philosophy and an appreciation of the value of characteristically philosophical ways of thinking.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

PHIL08014

Host Institution Course Title

MIND, MATTER AND LANGUAGE

Host Institution Campus

Edinburgh

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Department of Philosophy

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