

COURSE DETAIL

PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

Country

Ireland

Host Institution

Trinity College Dublin

Program(s)

Trinity College Dublin

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

106

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

UCEAP Transcript Title

PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

What exactly is a mind? This course pursues an answer to this question by exploring various characteristics and capacities that have been identified as distinctive of mentality, including but not limited to consciousness, rationality, a sense of self, the ability to have perceptions, thoughts, and beliefs about the world, the disposition to exhibit certain forms of behavior, and the possession of a sufficiently complex brain. The course considers questions that have been the subject of sustained interest and debate among those engaged in philosophical and scientific studies of the mind. These include: What is the relationship between the mind and the brain? Can non-living entities, e.g. computers, have minds? How do mental states, e.g. beliefs, desires, and sensations, cause physical effects, e.g. bodily motions? Is consciousness essential to mentality? Can mental states and processes be fully explained in non-mental, physical terms? How do thoughts and perceptions come to represent various objects in and features of our environment? What determines the content of our thoughts and perceptions?

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

PI3018

Host Institution Course Title

PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

Host Institution Campus

Trinity College Dublin

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Philosophy

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