

# 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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