

COURSE DETAIL

PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

King's College London

Program(s)

King's College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Psychology

UCEAP Course Number

173

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY

UCEAP Transcript Title

PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCH

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course explores foundational and methodological questions about psychology and cognitive science, exploiting the tools of philosophy to equip students to reflect critically on assumptions, concepts, and methods used. In the first half of the term, students apply this distinctive approach to five specific topics: change blindness and inattention blindness; experimental evidence about conscious choice and free will; unconscious bias and implicit attitudes; the concept of mental disorder; social cognition, and mirror neurons. In the second half of the term, students investigate more general questions about aims, methods, and assumptions in psychology, focusing on these topics: the nature of psychological explanation and its relationship with neuroscience; the analogy between minds and computers; mental representation, the 'Language of Thought' and cognitive maps; and the use of neuroimaging to ascribe mental states.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

5PAHPMND

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PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY

Host Institution Campus

King's College London

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Psychology

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