PHIL 133
Philosophy of Mind
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TR 02:00–03:45pm
Earth and Marine B214

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Course Description:
This course is a survey of central issues in contemporary philosophy of mind. We will attempt to answer two questions: what is the mind? How does the mind work? In doing so, we will read the work of some central figures in the Philosophy of Mind, primarily in the Anglo-American tradition.

Class Time:
Class time is devoted to presenting and discussing the material with the students. You are required to come to class having read and thought about the assigned reading. You will soon notice that philosophical writings are difficult: you should read them several times before class.

In order to help prepare for class, study questions for all the assigned readings are posted on Ecommons. You don’t have to turn in answers to the study questions, but trying to answer them will prepare you for the exams.

Readings:
The textbook for this class is

• *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings edited by David Chalmers.*

The textbook is available in Santa Cruz at The Literary Guillotine. Readings that are not in the textbook are available on Ecommons. For a complete list of readings see the tentative schedule of classes below.
Assignments and Grading:
The assignments for this class are as follows:

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Short Exam:
The short exam is designed to prepare you for the Essay Exam by giving you a sense of the kind of questions that will be on the Essay Exam. The short exam will consist of 1 question chosen from the study questions and it will take about 20 minutes to complete.

Essay Exam:
The essay exam will test your comprehension of the articles. It will consist of 4-5 essay questions and it will take one class period to complete. The questions on the exam are based on the study questions.

Paper:
The paper will require you to explain and critically evaluate theses and arguments from the readings. Paper topics will be posted on Ecommons well in advance of the paper’s due date. The paper is of moderate length (6 pages).

Writing philosophy papers can be difficult and new to some of you. You can find some helpful advice on how to write philosophy papers on Jim Pryor’s website: www.jimpryor.net/teaching/guidelines/writing.html.

Participation:
Attendance is mandatory. You are required to come to class having read the assigned readings and being ready to ask and answer questions about them.

Late/Makeup Assignments:
Please note the scheduled dates for the written assignments. Because of the brevity of the quarter, no special arrangements will be made to accommodate traveling, having other assignments etc. There will be no extra-credit opportunities in this class.

Disability:
If you qualify for classroom accommodations because of a disability, please get an Accommodation Authorization from the Disability Resource Center (DRC) and submit it to me in person outside of class (e.g. office hours) within the first two weeks of the quarter. Contact DRC at 459-2089 (voice), 459-4806 (TTY), or drc.ucsc.edu for more information on the requirements and/or process.
**Honor Code:**
You are responsible for being familiar with UCSC’s policies on plagiarism and proper sourcing. Proper sourcing and good scholarship are expected. Plagiarism is a serious academic offense and will not be tolerated. If you have any questions or concerns about how to avoid plagiarism and ensure the originality of your work, please ask the instructor. UCLA has helpful tips on avoiding plagiarism: http://unitproj.library.ucla.edu/col/bruinsuccess/.

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**Cartesian Dualism**

**T 01.06** Introduction
**R 01.08** R. Descartes *Meditations on First Philosophy* II & VI in TEXTBOOK pp. 10-20.

**Behaviorism**

**T 01.13** G. Ryle “Descartes’ Myth” in TEXTBOOK pp. 32-38.
**R 01.15** G. Ryle “Knowing How and Knowing That” Ecommons.

**The Identity Theory**

**T 01.20** Short Exam 1 & U.T. Place “Is consciousness a brain process?” in TEXTBOOK pp. 55-59.

**Functionalism**

**T 01.27** H. Putnam “The nature of mental states” in TEXTBOOK pp. 73-79.

**The problem of Consciousness**

**T 02.03** N. Block “Troubles with Functionalism” in TEXTBOOK pp. 88-93.
**R 02.05** T. Nagel “What is it like to be a bat?” in TEXTBOOK pp. 219-225.
**T 02.10** F. Jackson “Epiphenomenal Qualia” in TEXTBOOK pp. 273-280.

**Exam 1**

**R 02.12** IN CLASS
**Functionalist responses**

**T 02.17**  W. Lycan  “What is the subjectivity of the mental?”  sections 1-4 only, *Ecommons.*


**The computer analogy and its problems**

**T 02.24**  J. Fodor  “Methodological Solipsism”  *Ecommons.*

**R 02.26**  J. Searle  “Minds, Brains and Programs”  *Ecommons.*

**T 03.03**  T. Burge  “Individualism and the Mental”  in TEXTBOOK pp. 597-607.

**R 03.05**  P. Churchland  “Eliminative materialism and the propositional attitudes”  in TEXTBOOK pp. 568-580.

**T 03.10**  A. Clark & D. Chalmers  “The extended mind”  in TEXTBOOK pp. 643-652.

**R 03.12**  REVIEW FOR FINAL PAPER

**Final Paper Due**

**R 03.19**  BY 7PM.