



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
PSY-401	Theories of Mind	6
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
None	Social Sciences	Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Elective	Psychology	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
1 st Cycle	Prof Christos Panayides	4 th
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Co-requisites
Face-to Face	N/A	None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Present an overview of the most important theories in the philosophy of mind.
- To present and analyse the basic concepts used in contemporary discussions of the mind/the mental.
- To give a very brief overview of some of the topics in the related field of the philosophy of psychology.
- To help students further develop their analytical skills.
- To help students develop their skills in forming and evaluating philosophical arguments.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Recognize arguments.
2. Evaluate arguments.
3. Analyze and evaluate the arguments presented in support of theories such as Cartesian Dualism, Functionalism and Behaviourism.

4. To appreciate the objective difficulties in any effort to give a sound account of the mental/the mind and its relation to the physical.
5. Take advanced courses in the philosophy of mind and/or the philosophy of psychology.

Course Content:

1. A brief Introduction to Philosophy and the Philosophy of Mind.
2. The Varieties of Mental Phenomena.
3. The Cartesian Theory of Mind.
4. The mind and the brain: The Psychoneural Identity Theory.
5. The usual objections to the Psychoneural Identity Theory.
6. Machine Functionalism.
7. Causal-Theoretical Functionalism.
8. The usual objections to Functionalism.
9. Mental Causation.
10. Mental Content.
11. Consciousness.

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures and Class Discussions

Assessment Methods:

Quizzes, Brief Project(s), Class Participation, Final Examination, Presentation

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Philosophy of Mind	Jaegwon Kim	Westview Press	3 rd (or latest) edition 2011	978-0-81334520-8

Lecture notes – to be provided on UNIC intranet	Christos Panayides	N/A		
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Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings	David Chalmers	Oxford University Press	2002	978-01951-45816
The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy	Robert Audi	Cambridge University Press	Third (or latest) edition 2015	9781107015050