

The University of Western Ontario
Department of Philosophy
Undergraduate Course Outline 2012–2013

Philosophy 3410G: Advanced Topics in Philosophy of Mind

Winter term 2016

Time: M 1:30-2:30, W 1:30-3:30

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Description

This course investigates the nature of mental phenomena from a philosophical perspective. We will address issues such as the relationship between mental states and physical states, the explanatory and causal roles of mental states, consciousness, and mental representation. We will focus on topics that are not covered in Philosophy 2400F/G. Emphasis will be given to contemporary readings. Prerequisite: Philosophy 2400F/G.

Texts

David J. Chalmers (2002). *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings*. Oxford University Press.

Requirements

15% - 10 responses (150–500 words)

15% - 10 in-class activities

30% - Midterm paper (900–1300 words)

40% - Final paper (1200–1600 words)

You will be provided **paper topics** in advance. However, you may choose to write on your own topic, provided it is approved by the instructor at least a week in advance of the paper due date. **Late papers** will be penalized by 3% per day late, including weekends, up to a maximum of 50%. Papers must be **submitted** through WebCT and to Turnitin.com.

Responses must be submitted in person at the beginning of class each Monday, starting the second week of class. Responses should briefly explain and

Mental health

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mental_health/ for a complete list of options about how to obtain help.

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