

## DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE - (DSE-7) – Philosophy of Mind

### CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Philosophy of Mind DSE 7	4	3	1	Nil	12th Passed	None

#### Learning Objective

The philosophy of mind is one of the most exciting areas within philosophy. This course is an introduction to the Philosophy of Mind.

- The course will introduce students to the basic problems of philosophy of mind
- The course will discuss the mind body problem and various solutions to it in depth
- The course will provide a firm basis for the development of their philosophical knowledge and understanding to analyse and evaluate the key theories about the nature of mind and its relation to the world.

#### Learning Outcomes

The student at the end of the course:

- The student will grasp the mind body problem from various angles
- The student will develop insight into the issues that are common challenges like the question of subjective experience relative to a person's material properties and processes.
- 3. The student will be able to critically analyse the fundamental problems in philosophy and appreciate some of the solutions and problems with the solutions
- The student will develop an interest in modern cognitive science

#### UNIT I The Mind/Body Problem

(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)

1. Thinking and Being
2. Dualism
3. Mind Body Interaction

#### Essential Recommended Readings:

1. Descartes, R. "Meditations II and VI". *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings*, edited by David Chalmers, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002, pp. 10-21.
2. Ryle, G. "Descartes' Myth," *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings*, edited by David Chalmers, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002, pp. 32-38.

**UNIT-II: Identity Theory and Functionalism**  
**Weeks)**

**(12 Hours, 4**

1. The Material Mind
2. Identity theory
3. Functionalism

**Essential Recommended Readings:**

1. Smart, J.J.C. "Sensations and Brain Processes". *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings*, edited by David J. Chalmers, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002, pp. 60-68.
2. Putnam, H. "The Nature of Mental States". *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings*, edited by David J. Chalmers, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002, pp. 73-79.

**UNIT III Subjective Experience**  
**Weeks)**

**(12 Hours, 4**

1. Subjective and Objective
2. The Problem of Qualia

**Essential Recommended Readings:**

1. Nagel, T. "What is it Like to Be a Bat?". *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings*, edited by David J. Chalmers, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002, pp. 219-225.
2. Jackson, F. "Epiphenomenal Qualia". *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings*, edited by David J. Chalmers, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002, pp. 273-280.

**UNIT-IV Problem of Consciousness**  
**Weeks)**

**(9 Hours, 3**

- The Mysterious Flame
- Consciousness and Material Reality

**Essential Recommended Readings:**

1. Chalmers, D. "Facing up to the Problem of Consciousness." *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 2, No.3, 1995, pp. 200-219.

**Suggestive Readings:**

- Chalmers, David. "Naturalistic Dualism". *The Blackwell Companion to Consciousness*, edited by Susan Schneider and Max Velmans, Oxford: Wiley Blackwell, 2017, pp. 263-273.
- Crane, T. *The Mechanical Mind: A Philosophical Introduction to Minds, Machines and Mental Representation*, (2nd edition). New York: Routledge, 2003.
- Levin, Janet. "Functionalism". *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Fall 2018 Edition), edited by Edward N. Zalta, 20 Jul, 2018: <https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/win2021/entries/functionalism/>
- Searle, John. "Biological Naturalism". *The Blackwell Companion to Consciousness*, edited by Susan Schneider and Max Velmans, Oxford: Wiley Blackwell, 2017, pp. 327-336.
- Banks, William P. *Encyclopedia of Consciousness*. Oxford: Elsevier Academic Press, 2009.
- Churchland, Patricia. *Matter and Consciousness: A Contemporary Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind*. Cambridge (MA): MIT Press, 1988.
- Chalmers, David, J. *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2002.
- Heil, John. *Philosophy of Mind: A Contemporary Introduction* (3rd edition). London: Routledge, 2013.
- Kim, Jaegwon. *Philosophy of Mind*, (3rd edition). Oxford: Westview Press, 2010.
- Churchland, Patricia. *Matter and Consciousness: A Contemporary Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind*. Cambridge (MA): MIT Press, 1988.

#### DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE - (DSE-8) – Philosophy of Law

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		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
DSE 8 Philosophy of Law	4	3	1	Nil	12th Passed	None

#### Learning Objectives

The course in Philosophy of Law, seeks to: