

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.
- 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 **(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)**

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 **(12 Hours, 4 Weeks)**

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 **(9 Hours, 3 Weeks)**

- 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, WilliamP. *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: