

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY  
Undergraduate Course Outline 2011-2012

**Philosophy 3410F: Advanced Topics in Philosophy of Mind  
Previously Philosophy 310F**

Fall term 2011  
Tu 9:30–11:30am, Th 10:30–11:30am  
TC 303

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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 phenomena and physical phenomena, the explanatory and causal roles of mental states, and the nature of mental content. Emphasis will be given to contemporary readings. Prerequisite: Philosophy 2400F/G Antirequisite: the former Philosophy 310F/G.

## Texts

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

## Requirements

- 15% First paper (800–1000 words)
- 30% Second paper (800–1000 words)
- 40% Final paper (1000–1200 words)
- 15% Attendance and participation

**Paper topics** will be distributed in advance. Students may choose to write on their own topic, provided it is approved by the instructor. **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.

**Attendance and participation** is to be understood broadly; students are expected to attend class, be attentive, and respectfully and constructively engage with peers during class activities and discussions.

## Objectives

By the end of this course, students should be able to explain and evaluate the main philosophical arguments and positions discussed in this course both orally and in writing. Students should acquire and/or improve upon general skills useful for critically engaging with philosophical ideas as well as other pursuits, including analyzing, and critically evaluating arguments, skills involved in effective oral and written communication, and fruitful engagement with peers.

## Department policies

The **Department of Philosophy Policies** which govern the conduct, standards, and expectations for student participation in Philosophy courses is available in the Undergraduate section of the Department of Philosophy website at <http://uwo.ca/philosophy/undergraduate/policies.html>. It is your responsibility to understand the policies set out by the Senate and the Department of Philosophy, and thus ignorance of these policies cannot be used as grounds of appeal.

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