



FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

## PHIL 383 Lec 01 – Philosophy and Psychology

Winter Term 2011

### Course Outline

**Lectures:** TuTh 9.30-10.45 in MS 217

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### **Course Description**

We'll begin by considering what kinds of things are mental. Then we'll look in particular at action and emotion. The rest of the course will be taken up with the mind-body problem, or more generally with the question of how mental and physical phenomena are related. We'll look at classical substance dualism, behaviourism, psychophysical identity and reduction, and functionalism. We will consider whether the relation between mind and body is analogous to the relation between a computer programme and the hardware that runs it, and discuss the possibility of artificial intelligence and artificial consciousness.

### **Required Reading**

A package of readings is available at Bound and Copied

### **Course Requirements**

Two papers 1500-2000 words (5-7 pages) each worth 25% of the final grade (due Mar 4 and Apr 8), a take-home midterm worth 20% (due Feb 7), and a Registrar-scheduled final exam worth 30%.

Cumulative and final grades will be computed by Gradebook on the Blackboard site using the following scale:

A+	98-100	B+	86-89	C+	74-77	D+	62-65
A	94-97	B	82-85	C	70-73	D	58-61
A-	90-93	B-	78-81	C-	66-69	F	0-57

Missing assignment = 0.

The midterm and papers are due by 4pm in the class drop box located outside my office. Late papers will be marked down by one grade step for each day of lateness. (The time between Fri and Mon counts as one day.) If you are anticipating any difficulty in turning your assignment in on time you should discuss the problem with me before the due date.

## Electronic Devices

Those wishing to use a computer to take notes are requested to sit in the back row of the class. Cellphones are not to be used in class.

## Course Website

A course website has been set up on U of C's Blackboard server. You should be automatically signed up if you're registered in the class; log in with your UCS user ID and password. You can find the website at <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/>

I shall be using Blackboard to post assignments and grades, to confirm what we are reading for the next class, and to provide some questions to consider while you are reading.

## Tentative Schedule

Jan 11	Introduction	
Jan 13	The Concept of the Mental	Guttenplan
Jan 18	Explanation of Action	Davidson
Jan 20		Skinner
Jan 25	Emotions	James
Jan 27		Sartre
Feb 1		Aristotle
Feb 3, 8		Solomon
Feb 10	Substance Dualism	Descartes
Feb 15, 17		Smith and Jones
Feb 22, 24	<i>Reading Week, no lectures</i>	
Mar 1	Behaviourism	Malcolm
Mar 3	Mind-Brain Identity	Place
Mar 8		Armstrong
Mar 10		Kim
Mar 15		Kripke
Mar 17	Eliminative Materialism	Churchland
Mar 22	Functionalism	Block
Mar 24		Searle
Mar 29		Braddon-Mitchell
Mar 31	Consciousness	Nagel
Apr 5		Jackson, Braddon-Mitchell
Apr 7, 12		Chalmers
Apr 14		McGinn

## **INTELLECTUAL HONESTY**

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. As a result, cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as **an extremely serious academic offence**, the penalty for which may be an F on the assignment and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. The University Calendar states that plagiarism exists when:

- *the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test;*
- *parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;*
- *the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source; and/or*
- *a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.*

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted. Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement, but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.

## **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

## **STUDENTS' UNION REPRESENTATIVES**

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