



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

PHILOSOPHY PROGRAMME PHIL 227: Minds and Persons 20 POINTS

TRIMESTER 2 2014

Important dates

Trimester dates: 14 July to 16 November 2014

Teaching dates: 14 July to 17 October 2014

Mid-trimester break: 25 August to 7 September 2014

Study week: 20–24 October 2014

Examination/Assessment Period: 24 October to 15 November 2014

Note: students who enrol in courses with examinations must be able to attend an examination at the University at any time during the scheduled examination period.

Withdrawal dates: Refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds. If you cannot complete an assignment or sit a test or examination, refer to www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats.

Class times and locations

Lectures: Monday, Friday 2:10 pm to 4:00 pm

Venue: Laby (LB)LT118 (Mondays), Hunter (HU)LT220 (Fridays)

Names and contact details

Course Coordinator: Dr Justin Sytsma

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Office hours: by appointment

Communication of additional information

This course uses Blackboard and presumes that all enrolled students have valid myvuw.ac.nz addresses. Please check that this account is active and you have organised email forwarding. Additional information and any changes to the timetable or lecture and seminar programme will be advised by email, announced in lectures, and posted on the course Blackboard site.

Prescription

An examination of philosophical debate on consciousness and personal identity.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course will be able to:

1. understand a variety of debates in the fields of philosophy of mind and philosophy of psychology
2. evaluate a variety of arguments in the fields of philosophy of mind and philosophy of psychology using established methods of formal or informal logic
3. analyse complex ideas and concepts in the field of philosophy of mind and philosophy of psychology

Teaching format

This course will involve two two-hour lectures per week. There are no tutorials for this course. Students are expected to attend classes regularly, take part in class discussion, and to keep up with the readings.

Mandatory course requirements

Other than obtaining an overall passing mark there are no mandatory course requirements.

Workload

In accordance with Faculty Guidelines, this course has been constructed on the assumption that students will devote 200 hours to the course throughout the trimester. An approximate indication of the hours to be spent on each component of the course is as follows:

Preparation and attendance at classes:	120 hours
Essay 1:	40 hours
Essay 2:	40 hours

Assessment

Assessment items and workload per item		%	CLO(s)	Due date
1	2,500-word essay	40%	1, 2, 3	Friday 12 September (before class)
2	Eight pop quizzes (worth 5% each, dropping two lowest scores); quizzes will be given during lecture and will take approximately five to ten minutes to complete; no make-up quizzes will be given	30%	1	N/A
3	Final examination; the exam will be given during the examination period and you will have two hours to complete it; it will consist of two essay questions from a list of four possible questions that will be handed out the final day of class (17 October).	30%	1, 2, 3	TBA

Submission and return of work

Essays should be submitted electronically through Blackboard. Indicative grades and comments will be posted on Blackboard.

Extensions and penalties

Extensions

Make-up quizzes will not be given, although the lowest two quiz grades will be dropped for each student. For essays, all extensions must be obtained from the course coordinator, prior to the deadline for submission of the assessment task unless unforeseeable circumstances prevent this. Short extensions of up to 3 days will be automatically granted to any student who requests it with an email prior to the scheduled deadline. Longer extensions need to be negotiated and require justification and supporting evidence. Any work submitted late without an extension having been obtained is subject to penalties (see below).

Penalties

Philosophy Programme policy stipulates that late submission of essays is penalised. Late essays submitted without extensions having been obtained will receive a penalty of 5 points per day (or part thereof) late. No essay will be accepted after 12 November 2014.

Set texts

All required readings will be made available on Blackboard.

Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course. Students may like to write the Class Rep's name and details in this box:

Class Rep name and contact details:

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library-v2/find-your-subject-librarian>
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure
- Victoria graduate profile: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz