Philosophy/PNP 315  
Philosophy of Mind  
Fall 2008

Philosophy 315 provides an introduction to issues in the philosophy of mind. The prerequisite is a 100- or 200-level philosophy course. The class presumes no background in the topic, but is challenging as mid-level philosophy courses go. This is not a course to take for an easy B. On a scale of 1–10 (10 being most difficult), the course is an 8.5.

Grades are based on two tests, an indeterminate number of unannounced quizzes, a term paper, and an in-class final examination. Please see the reading schedule for pertinent dates.

Bureaucratic Items

Location: Earth and Planetary Sciences 203
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Office Hours: Heil: by appointment; Oakberg: Tues & Thurs 2:30–3:30 (arrange in advance via e-mail) and by appointment.


Grading: Two tests (worth 20% and 25%, respectively); unannounced quizzes and class participation (together 5%); term paper (~1,500 words/5–7 double-spaced pages, 25%) and a final examination given in the final class period (25%).

All work will be submitted (and graded) anonymously (provide your university ID number).

Late Work, Dishonesty, Attendance, &c

Tests and Quizzes. Two in-class tests and the final examination will be given on the dates specified in the reading schedule. During the course of the term unannounced quizzes will occasionally be administered and collected at the start of the class period. You will not be able to take a quiz if you arrive after a quiz has been handed out. No make-ups. The aim is to provide additional, extrinsic encouragement for you to read assigned material.

Make-ups and late work. Tests or assignments in other courses do not constitute a reason for awarding extensions for tests or papers. Quizzes cannot be made up. Tests can be made up only in exceptional circumstances and only if alternative arrangements have been approved in advance. Term Papers are due by 5:00 pm on the date assigned. Papers submitted after the deadline will be docked a full letter grade. Papers submitted more than 24 hours after the deadline will not be accepted. You are responsible for your paper’s being in the hands of the assistant on time.

Dishonesty. Students suspected of academic dishonesty will be summarily reported to the Academic Integrity Office. Papers incorporating plagiarized material will be awarded a grade of zero.

Punctuality. Class begins officially at 1:10 and ends by 2:30. Please do not enter the classroom after 1:10.

Pass–Fail. Students taking the course Pass–Fail must earn at least a C-minus to receive a passing grade.

Incompletes will be awarded only under exceptional circumstances, and only when arrangements for have been prior to the last class.

Auditors will be credited with auditing only if they miss no more than five class meetings.
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| Aug 28 | Introductory remarks; *Introduction*, chap 1  
Descartes (3 in *Guide*); *Intro*, chaps 2–3  |
| Sept 2 4 | Ryle (‘Descartes’ Myth’); *Intro*, chap 5  
Hempel (5) and Putnam (6)  |
| 9 11 | Smart (8); *Intro*, chap. 6  
Kripke (9)  |
| 16 18 | Test 1  
Turing (14); *Intro*, chap 7  |
| 23 25 | Lewis (10)  
Putnam (11)  |
| Oct 30 2 | Fodor (12)  
Block (13)  |
| 7 9 | Searle (15) and Block (17); *Intro*, chap 8  
Boden (16)  |
| 14 16 | Test 2  
Armstrong (34)  |
| 21 23 | Nagel (29), *Intro*, chap 9  
Jackson (43)  |
| 28 30 | Levine (44)  
Levin (30); *Intro*, chap 13  |
| Nov 4 6 | Davidson (39)  
Pereboom & Kornblith (41)  |
| 11 13 | Kim (42); term paper due before 5:00 12th April  
Harman (36)  |
| 18 20 | Chalmers (35)  
Hardcastle (46)  |
| 25 27 | McGinn (45)  
*Thanksgiving Holiday*  |
| Dec 2 4 | Catch-up Session  
*Final examination* (in class)  |