

PIU33081 — Philosophy of Mind

Module Information	
Module Code	PIU33081
Module Title	Philosophy of Mind
Department	Philosophy
Year Group	Junior Sophister
Module Personnel	Dr. Julian Bacharach
Academic Year	2026-27
Credit Weighting	10 ECTS
Semester	1
Contact Hours	2x lectures per week

Module Content	
Module Description	This module will look at fundamental questions about the nature of the mind through the lens of the question of our knowledge of it. Topics covered will broadly be divided into, in the first half of term, those concerning our knowledge of other minds, and, in the second half, those concerning our knowledge of our own minds.
Module Learning Aims	Students will learn to engage with a range of issues in the philosophy of mind and to appreciate interconnections between them. Students will have the opportunity to write a longer summative essay, building a midterm formative essay.
Learning Outcomes	How do we know what other people are thinking and feeling? Do other minds exist, or am I alone in the universe? Is there a special kind of access we have to our own minds which we necessarily lack to other people's? What is it to represent a creature as having a 'mind'? How can our understanding of ourselves and other people go wrong? These are the kinds of questions we will address in this module.
Indicative Reading / Resources	A full syllabus and reading list will be made available at the beginning of term.

Assessment	
Assessment Components	Midterm essay (1,500 words) 25% Final essay (2,500 words) 50% Exam (1h30m) 25%
Assessment Details	You will have the opportunity to write a final essay on the same or a similar topic to your midterm essay. In this case, your essay should substantially build on the earlier essay, and you will be assessed in part on how effectively you improve your essay in the light of feedback received on the earlier essay. In the exam you will answer one question. This must be on a topic from the other half of term, from that which you wrote your final essay on.

Additional Information	
Prerequisites	None.
Co-requisites	None.