

## Philosophy of Mind | PIU33081

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| Year                     | Junior Sophister           |
| ECTS Credits             | 10                         |
| Contact Hours            | 22 Lectures                |
| Pre-requisite            | None                       |
| Semester                 | 1                          |
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### Module Outline:

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? Does it even make to think there are many 'minds', of which I am just one? How can our understanding of ourselves and other people go wrong? These are the kinds of questions we will address in this module.

The first half of the module will focus largely on our knowledge of other minds, and the second half on self-awareness and self-knowledge. Towards the end of the module we will look at neighbouring issues including the debate over 'theory of mind' in cognitive science, self-deception, and sexual objectification.

### Assessment:

One midterm coursework essay, worth 25%, a final coursework essay, worth 50%, and an exam (one question), worth 25%.

The final essay may be on a different topic from the midterm essay; alternatively, students may write their final essay on the same topic as the midterm essay, using their feedback from the midterm assignment to improve their essay. In either case, students must answer an exam question from a topic from the other half of term from the topic of their final coursework essay.



## Recommended Reading List:

A full syllabus and reading list will be made available at the beginning of term. Helpful introductory texts to the material covered in each half of the module are, respectively:

- Anita Avramides, *Other Minds* (Routledge, 2001)
- Lectures I and II from Sydney Shoemaker's Royce lectures, 'Self-Knowledge and "Inner Sense"', in *The First Person Perspective and Other Essays* (Cambridge, 1996)