**Philosophy of Mind, PHI 3320, Fall 2015**

**M/W/F 2:30-3:20  ENG2 105**

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

The message below is from The Office of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs:  
"As of Fall 2014, all faculty are required to document students’ academic activity at the beginning of each course. In order to document that you began this course, please complete the following academic activity by the end of the first week of classes or as soon as possible after adding the course…. Failure to do so may result in a delay in the disbursement of your financial aid.”

Required Academic Activity:

Take the “Attendance Verification Quiz”, in Quizzes area of course website. This quiz will not count toward your course grade. It opens Tuesday, August 25, and closes Monday, August 31.

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**Course description.**

Philosophy of Mind is an upper-level course in philosophy, and will be structured and paced accordingly. In this course we will examine the major ontological and epistemological theories concerning the nature of mind. We will begin with an introduction to relevant philosophical terms and concepts, as well as a discussion of the mind-body problem. This will be followed by topics that will include the problem of other minds (including mind in non-human animals, and machines intelligence), minds and brains (different versions of materialism and reducibility, the role of psychology and neuroscience), and contemporary themes in philosophy of mind, such as embodied cognition.

**Prerequisites.**

Junior standing or above, or permission of instructor. A background in philosophy and/or psychology is strongly recommended.

**Required Texts.**

There are no texts that you are required to buy. Readings will be provided free of charge primarily in digital form.

**Grading.**

The grade for the course is based on the following components:  
Two In-Class Exams: 50% (25% each)  
Written Commentary on selected assigned readings 20% (5% each)  
Final Exam, Cumulative: 30%  
Note: I will use the +/- grading system (A, A-, B+, B, B-, etc.)
Requirements.
  Exams. There will be two, mixed-format, in-class exams during the semester and a cumulative final exam. You do not need a bluebook or a scantron sheet for any quiz or exam. Missed exams will result in a score of zero for that exam.

  Email Requirements. In order to complete this course, you must have a functional e-mail account that you check regularly; more specifically, you must regularly check your Knight’s email. Some class announcements and some reading materials will be distributed exclusively through e-mail. It is up to you to ensure that you receive them, and you are responsible for the contents of class e-mailings. Please note the following new university policy:

  “To comply with new University policy, as of September 28, 2009 eCommunity will only allow a Knights E-Mail address for students. If you already have a Knights E-Mail address, eCommunity messages will be sent to your Knights E-Mail account. If you do not yet have a Knight's E-Mail address, you must get a Knights E-Mail account to avoid missing important class communications. Please visit http://www.knightsemail.ucf.edu/ for more information.”

  Attendance. This is an upper-level course, so your attendance, preparation, and thoughtful participation are an important component of the class. The assigned readings are intended to stimulate thoughtful discussion, questions, and observations. Your physical presence for the face-to-face component is essential to your understanding of the material. I do not post class notes of the face-to-face lectures and discussions; you are responsible for taking your own notes, and are responsible for anything that is said in class. If you have to miss class, you will need to get the notes from a reliable student. Finally, you are required to maintain positive and reasonable class decorum (see below). In other words, be respectful of the intellectual endeavors of others as well as your own.

  Class Decorum:
Everyone is expected to maintain positive classroom decorum. Disruptive or discourteous behavior, including repeated lateness and/or early departures, will not be tolerated, and will result in a lower grade, failure, or outright dismissal from the course. It is rude and disruptive to leave a class in progress in order to get a drink, hit the vending machine, or take care of non-urgent matters that should have been attended to prior to class. Please avoid this behavior except in case of true emergencies; repeated instances of such behavior will lower your grade and/or result in disciplinary action through the Office of Student Conduct. If you know you will have to leave class early, please mention it to me at the start of the class. Consider what your general behavior and attitude convey about you, particularly to those who may know little else about you outside of the classroom. This is my personal policy, and it is consistent with university policy. The following excerpt from the undergraduate catalogue (Academic Regulations and Procedures) is reproduced here for your information:

  Classroom Responsibility
Students are responsible for maintaining classroom decorum appropriate to the educational environment. When the conduct of a student or group of students varies from acceptable standards and becomes disruptive to normal classroom procedures, the instructor has the authority to remove the offending party from the room and refer the student to the Office of Student Conduct (SRC 155) for disciplinary action.
Lateness on test days.
Students who arrive late for an in-class exam will not be allowed to take the exam unless no student has yet left the classroom. If no student has left the room, you will be allowed to take the exam without any penalty to your grade, but you will not be given extra time to complete it. Please plan to arrive early on exam days to prevent this difficulty; I do not enjoy telling students they cannot take an exam.

Makeup policy.
I will generally not allow makeups except in documented, exceptional circumstances. Additionally, you must contact me within 3 calendar days of the missed exam in order for me to consider granting a makeup: note that “contact” means actually discussing the matter with me, not merely leaving me a message or an e-mail. If granted, the make-up will be more difficult than the original that was missed, and likely will be given at the end of the semester. Alternatively, if you anticipate having to be absent on an exam day, and have a legitimate reason for your absence, see me well ahead of time, and if possible, I will arrange for you to take it early. Unexcused absence from an exam will result in a score of zero for the missed exam.

Academic Dishonesty.
I do not tolerate cheating, plagiarism, or other forms of academic dishonesty and will punish cheaters to the fullest extent allowed through the Office of Student Conduct. If you don’t have enough integrity to do your own work, drop the class now and re-examine your purpose in life and at UCF. The following guidelines are reproduced for your information from the UCF Golden Rule (http://www.goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/conduct.html):

Important UCF Dates and Holiday, Fall 2015:

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Final Exam: Wednesday, December 09, 2015
1:00 PM – 3:50 PM

*** PLEASE NOTE that the exam time is earlier than our regular class meetings were! ***
Philosophy of Mind – initial reading/viewing assignment. A fuller schedule will be distributed shortly.

Monday 8-24: Student surveys, introductions

Wednesday 8-26: Introduction of basic terms and concepts in Philosophy of Mind