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Philosophy 480
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Philosophy of Mind
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Requirements

Short Papers: You will be required to write two short papers (~5 pages each) on assigned topics. Papers will be due approximately in early October and early November.

Presentations: In the final 3 weeks of the course, each student will do a presentation on a topic of his or her own choosing based on but not limited to course readings.

Follow-up Paper: After the presentation, students will submit a paper (8-10 pages) based on the presentation and incorporating class feedback.

Final Paper: A final paper (12-15 pages) is due Monday, December 16. This paper is expected to be an extension of the presentation and follow-up paper, but in consultation with the instructor, an alternative topic may be chosen.

Your final grade will be calculated as follows:

Short Papers	30 %
Follow-up Paper	30 %
Final Paper	30 %
Class Participation	10 %

- *The Philosophy of Mind*, Edited by Brian Beakley and Peter Ludlow, MIT Press, 1992.
- Xerox Readings

Reading Assignments

W	9/4	Introduction/Overview
		Mind-Body Problem
M	9/9	Descartes (B&L, Ch. 3)
W	9/11	Ryle (B&L, Ch.6)
M	9/16	Place (B&L, Ch 7)
W	9/18	Putnam (B&L, Ch 10)
M	9/23	Putnam (B&L, Ch. 10)
W	9/25	PS Churchland (B&L, Ch. 11)
M	9/30	Block (B&L Ch. 12)
W	10/2	Block (B&L Ch. 12)
		Mental Causation
M	10/7	Descartes (B&L, Ch. 15)
W	10/9	Descartes (B&L, Ch. 15)
M	10/14	Leibniz (B&L, Ch. 17); Huxley (B&L, Ch. 19)
W	10/16	Davidson (B&L, Ch. 20)
M	10/21	Davidson (B&L, Ch. 21)
		Consciousness
W	10/23	Nagel (Xerox)
M	10/28	Levine (Xerox)
W	10/30	Jackson (Xerox)
M	11/4	PM Churchland (Xerox)
W	11/6	Dennett (Xerox)
M	11/11	<i>No Class (Veterans' Day)</i>
W	11/13	Chalmers (Xerox)
M	11/18	Chalmers (Xerox)
		Student Presentations
W	11/20	Student Presentations
M	11/25	Student Presentations
W	11/27	<i>No Class (Thanksgiving Break)</i>
M	12/2	Student Presentations
W	12/4	Student Presentations
M	12/9	Student Presentations
W	12/11	Student Presentations