In this course we will cover basic issues in the philosophy of mind from an interdisciplinary perspective, including results from psychology and neuroscience. We will investigate the metaphysics of mind, mental architecture, embodied cognition, and particular faculties of mind such as action, perception, and social cognition.

For each week, the core reading or readings for that week will be marked with an asterisk. Additional readings are also recommended for each week. At a minimum, please do the core reading or readings. You are also encouraged to take a look at the additional readings because they will be incorporated into the lecture and they will be helpful for developing your own research.

Term papers are due in both paper and electronic form by 8 March 2017.

The readings will be available electronically through Ilia.

No prior knowledge of the topic is required, but for an excellent introductory text, see P. Churchland’s *Matter and Consciousness* (MIT Press).

26 October

**Introduction to Philosophy of Mind**

2 November: Online Class

**Metaphysics of Mind: Physicalism**

*U.T. Place “Is Consciousness a Brain Process?”*

*D. Lewis “Mad Pain and Martian Pain”*

9 November

**Metaphysics of Mind: Alternatives to Physicalism**

*R. Descartes* *Meditations on First Philosophy* Meditation One

*Aristotle On the Soul 403a30-403b20*

16 November

**A Short History of Psychology**

*D. Hume* *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* §VIII

*J. Watson “Psychology as the behaviorist views it”*

H. Wozniak “Introduction to Fechner’s *Elements of Psychophysics*”

23 November

**Classical Cognitivism**

*M. Rescorla “The Computational Theory of Mind” (especially section 3) Stanford Encyclopedia*
30 November
Philosophy of Neuroscience
*W. Bechtel “The Endogenously Active Brain” Philosophia Scientia (2013)

7 December
Embodied, Embedded, Extended, Enacted, and Affective Cognition (4E&A)
*A. Clark Being There Chapter 1 (1998)
E. Thompson Mind in Life Chapter 3 (2007)

14 December
Consciousness
*F. Jackson “Epiphenomenal Qualia”
D. Dennett “Quining Qualia”
N. Block “Consciousness, accessibility, and the mesh between psychology and neuroscience” BBS (2007)

21 December
Intentionality
* P. Jacob “Intentionality” especially sections 2 and 9 Stanford Encyclopedia (2014)

11 January
Perception
S. Siegel “Subject and Object in the Contents of Visual Experience” Philosophical Review (2006)

18 January
Agency
* G.E.M. Anscombe Intention (selections)

25 January
Social Cognition
*S. Gallagher How the Body Shapes the Mind Chapter 9 (2006)
R. Gordon “Folk Psychology as Simulation” Mind & Language (1986)

1 February
Semantics
H. Putnam “The meaning of ‘meaning’” (1975)

8 February
Predictive Processing