PH144-15 Mind and Reality

23/24

Department
> Philosophy

Level
> Undergraduate Level 1

Module leader
> Barnaby Walker

Credit value
> 15

Module duration
> 10 weeks

Assessment
> 20% coursework, 80% exam

Study location
> University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

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Module aims

The aim of the module is to introduce students to some central issues in the philosophy of mind, metaphysics, and epistemology.

Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

Topics to be covered in the module include: (i) the nature of knowledge - can knowledge be conceptually analysed? (ii) Scepticism - is it possible to have knowledge of the external world? (iii) The nature of perceptual experience - is perceptual experience a relation to ordinary objects? (iv) Colour - is colour an objective feature of reality? (v) The mind-body problem - could consciousness be a brain process?

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- By the end of the module students should have an understanding of the central problems in epistemology, metaphysics, and mind discussed in the module, and should have an understanding of the central concepts that frame these problems.
- They should be able to clearly articulate the opposing positions in those debates, and be able to outline arguments in support of those different positions.
- They should have a good understanding of the key literature discussed, and able to analyse and critically evaluate the arguments for and against the positions defended in the key literature.
- They should be able to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding in speech and writing.
- They should be able draw connections between the key ideas and arguments discussed in the module to other problems and debates in philosophy.

Indicative reading list

1. Hume, David, 1758. An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding section XII.1; Russell, The Problems of Philosophy, ch1; Price, Perception, chs 1-2,
2. Gettier, 'Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?' Analysis 23 (6) 1963: 121-123.
3. Descartes, Meditations, I; Stroud, The Significance of Philosophical Scepticism, ch.1
4. Jackson, Epiphenomenal qualia. Philosophical Quarterly 32, 1982 :127-136.
5. Papineau, Thinking about Consciousness, ch.1.
6. Russell, 'On Denoting'. Mind 14.56 (1905): 479–493; Quine, 'On What There Is'. Review of Metaphysics 2 (5) 1948: 21-36.
7. Wollheim, "Seeing-as, Seeing-in, and Pictorial Representation", in Art and Its Objects, 2nd edition, 1980: 205-26; Walton, Mimesis as Make-Believe, ch1.
8. Hume, Treatise, I.III.XI-XII; Strawson, 'An Introduction to Logical Theory, ch.9; van Cleve, 'Reliability, justification, and the problem of induction'. Midwest Studies in Philosophy 9 (1) 1984: 555-67.
9. Ayer, Language, Truth and Logic, ch.4; Carnap, 'Empiricism, semantics, and ontology'. Revue Internationale de Philosophie 4 (2) 1950: 20-40.'

Subject specific skills

TBC

Transferable skills

TBC

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	18 sessions of 1 hour (12%)
Seminars	8 sessions of 1 hour (5%)
Private study	124 hours (83%)
Total	150 hours

Private study description

No private study requirements defined for this module.

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

Assessment group D4

	Weighting	Study time
Take Home Exam	20%	

1 x 72-hour take home exam comprising 2 x 500 word exercises submitted in term in which module is taught

	Weighting	Study time
Online Examination	80%	
~Platforms - AEP		

- Online examination: No Answerbook required

Feedback on assessment

Detailed written feedback will be provided on take home exam. An examiner's report will be prepared
to provide feedback on the examination.

[Past exam papers for PH144](#)

Availability

Courses

This module is Core for:

- Year 1 of UPHA-VL78 BA in Philosophy with Psychology
- UMAA-GV17 Undergraduate Mathematics and Philosophy
  - Year 1 of GV17 Mathematics and Philosophy
  - Year 1 of GV17 Mathematics and Philosophy
  - Year 1 of GV17 Mathematics and Philosophy
- UPHA-V700 Undergraduate Philosophy
  - Year 1 of V700 Philosophy
  - Year 1 of V700 Philosophy

This module is Optional for:

- UCSA-G500 Undergraduate Computer Science
  - Year 1 of G500 Computer Science
  - Year 1 of G500 Computer Science
- UCSA-G503 Undergraduate Computer Science MEng
  - Year 1 of G500 Computer Science
  - Year 1 of G503 Computer Science MEng
  - Year 1 of G503 Computer Science MEng
- Year 1 of UCSA-I1N1 Undergraduate Computer Science with Business Studies
- Year 1 of UHIA-V1V5 Undergraduate History and Philosophy

This module is Option list B for:

- Year 1 of UMAA-G105 Undergraduate Master of Mathematics (with Intercalated Year)
- UMAA-G100 Undergraduate Mathematics (BSc)
  - Year 1 of G100 Mathematics
  - Year 1 of G100 Mathematics
  - Year 1 of G100 Mathematics
- UMAA-G103 Undergraduate Mathematics (MMath)
  - Year 1 of G100 Mathematics
  - Year 1 of G103 Mathematics (MMath)
  - Year 1 of G103 Mathematics (MMath)
- Year 1 of UMAA-G106 Undergraduate Mathematics (MMath) with Study in Europe
- Year 1 of UMAA-G1NC Undergraduate Mathematics and Business Studies
- Year 1 of UMAA-G1N2 Undergraduate Mathematics and Business Studies (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 1 of UMAA-GL11 Undergraduate Mathematics and Economics
- Year 1 of UECA-GL12 Undergraduate Mathematics and Economics (with Intercalated Year)
- Year 1 of UMAA-G101 Undergraduate Mathematics with Intercalated Year

This module is Option list D for:

- Year 1 of UHIA-V1V5 Undergraduate History and Philosophy