



## FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

*SCHOOL OF HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS*

*PHILOSOPHY PROGRAMME*

**PHIL 265: Mind and Cognition**

20 POINTS

**TRIMESTER 1 2016**

### **Key dates**

**Trimester dates:** 29 February to 29 June 2016

**Teaching dates:** 29 February to 5 June 2016

**Easter break:** 24–30 March 2016

**Mid-trimester break:** 25 April to 1 May 2016

**Last assessment item due:** 13 June 2016

**Withdrawal dates:** Refer to [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/withdrawals-refunds).

If you cannot complete an assignment it may instead be possible to apply for an aegrotat (refer to [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats)).

### **Class times and locations**

Lectures: Monday, Tuesday 12:00pm to 1:50pm

Venue: Monday: Murphy MYLT220

Tuesday: Easterfield EALT206

### **Names and contact details**

Course Coordinator: Dr Justin Sytsma

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Office hours: by appointment

### **Communication of additional information**

This course uses Blackboard and presumes that all enrolled students have valid myvuw.ac.nz addresses. Please check that this account is active and you have organised email forwarding. Additional information and any changes to the timetable or lecture and seminar programme will be advised by email, announced in lectures, and/or posted on the course Blackboard site.

## Prescription

This course explores the nature of the mental by investigating accounts of the mind and cognition. Topics that may be discussed include the relationship between the mind and the body, consciousness, perception, intentionality, and mental content.

## Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course should be able to:

1. Understand a variety of debates in the fields of philosophy of mind and psychology.
2. Evaluate a variety of arguments in the fields of philosophy of mind and psychology using established methods of formal or informal logic.
3. Analyse complex ideas and concepts in the field of philosophy of mind and psychology.

## Teaching format

This course will involve two two-hour lectures per week. There are no tutorials for this course. Students are expected to attend classes regularly, take part in class discussion, and keep up with the reading.

## Workload

In accordance with University Guidelines, this course has been constructed on the assumption that students will devote 200 hours to the course throughout the trimester. An approximate indication of the hours to be spent on each component of the course is as follows:

Preparation and attendance at classes:	120 hours
Essay 1:	40 hours
Essay 2:	40 hours

## Assessment

Assessment items and workload per item	%	CLO(s)	Due date
1 2,000 Word Essay	40%	1, 2, 3	Monday 2 May, 5:00pm
2 2,000 Word Essay	40%	1, 2, 3	Monday 13 June, 5:00pm
3 Six pop quizzes (worth 4% each, dropping lowest score); quizzes will be given during lecture and will take approximately five to ten minutes to complete; no make-up quizzes will be given	20%	1	N/A

## Submission and return of work

Essays should be submitted electronically through Blackboard. Indicative grades and comments will be posted on Blackboard.

## Extensions and Penalties

Make-up quizzes will not be given, although the lowest quiz grade will be dropped for each student. For essays, late submissions will not be accepted unless the student contacts the course coordinator as soon as practically possible to explain the lateness. The circumstances under which an extension will be considered are outlined in section 3.2.1 of the Assessment Handbook (<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf>).

Philosophy Programme policy stipulates that late submission of essays is penalised. Late essays submitted without extensions having been obtained will receive a penalty of five points (out of 100) per day (or part thereof) late. No essays will be accepted after 27 June, 2016.

## Set texts

All required readings will be made available on Blackboard.

## Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected during the first week of the course.

## Student feedback

Based on student feedback from 2015, we have adjusted some of the readings for the course and the corresponding lectures. Student feedback on University courses may be found at: [www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback\\_display.php](http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php)

## Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism)
- Academic Progress: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress) (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates)
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: [www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin)
- Grades: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades)
- Special passes: refer to the *Assessment Handbook*, at [www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/documents/policy/staff-policy/assessment-handbook.pdf)
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: [www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy)
- Student support: [www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support)
- Students with disabilities: [www.victoria.ac.nz/st\\_services/disability](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability)
- Student Charter: [www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter)
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library-v2/find-your-subject-librarian>
- Terms and conditions: [www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract)
- Turnitin: [www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin](http://www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin)
- University structure: [www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure)
- Victoria graduate profile: [www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/graduate-profile)
- VUWSA: [www.vuwsa.org.nz](http://www.vuwsa.org.nz)