

Philosophy 1320: Theories of the Mind, §D1  
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## Syllabus

### Required Texts:

Peter Morton, *A Historical Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind*, Broadview Press, 1997. Required readings are listed below.

Additional readings listed below, which will be handed out, and which are available on line, at:  
[http://www.thatmarcusfamily.org/philosophy/Mind/Handouts/Handouts\\_Central.htm](http://www.thatmarcusfamily.org/philosophy/Mind/Handouts/Handouts_Central.htm).

### Recommended Texts:

Morton's introductory passages.

Paul Churchland, *Matter and Consciousness*, The MIT Press.

Lecture notes for the course, available at:

[http://www.thatmarcusfamily.org/philosophy/Mind/Lecture\\_Notes/Lessons\\_Central.htm](http://www.thatmarcusfamily.org/philosophy/Mind/Lecture_Notes/Lessons_Central.htm)

Additional readings which will be indicated in the lecture notes, and which are available on line, at:

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### Topics and Readings:

#### I. The Ancients

Plato, from the *Phaedo*, pp 15-25.

Aristotle, from *On the Soul* and *Sense and Sensibilia*, pp 39-42.

#### II. The Scientific Revolution and Descartes

Galileo, from *The Assayer*; pp 57-9.

Descartes, from *The World or Treatise on Light, Principles of Philosophy, Meditations on First Philosophy*, and *Discourse on Method*; pp 60-2; 75-88; 102-3.

Arnauld, from *Objections to Descartes' Meditations*, pp 104-7

Descartes, from *Reply to Arnauld*, and *Principles of Philosophy*, pp 108-14.

Locke, from *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding*, pp 114-6.

#### III. Materialism and Idealism

Hobbes, from *Leviathan*, pp 129-133.

Locke, from *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding*, handout.

Berkeley, from *The Principles*, pp 134-40.

Berkeley, from the introduction to *The Principles*, handout.

Berkeley, from *Three Dialogues Between Hylas and Philonous*, handout.

#### IV. Behaviorism

Skinner, from *Science and Human Behavior*, pp 160-3.

Hempel, "The Logical Analysis of Psychology," 164-73.

Ryle, from *The Concept of Mind*, pp 187-97.

#### V. Identity Theory

Armstrong, "The Nature of Mind," pp 225-233.

Smart, "Sensations and Brain Processes," pp 233-242.

Kripke, from "Identity and Necessity," pp 243-250.

## VI. Functionalism

Turing, "Computing Machinery and Intelligence," pp 265-282.

Putnam, "The Nature of Mental States," pp 320-327.

Fodor, from "Something on the State of the Art," pp 328-333.

Fodor and Block, "What Psychological States Are Not," pp 333-4.

Searle, "Minds, Brains, and Programs," pp 282-296.

## VII. Eliminative Materialism

Rorty, from *Philosophy and the Mirror of Nature*, pp 351-354.

Patricia Churchland, from *Neurophilosophy: Toward a Unified Science of the Mind-Brain*, pp 355-366.

## VIII. Consciousness

Nagel, "What is it Like to Be a Bat?" pp 391-400.

Jackson, "Epiphenomenal Qualia," pp 401-408.

Dennett, "Quining Qualia," pp 409-434.

A tentative detailed schedule, including specific dates for each reading, is available on the html version of this syllabus, at: <http://www.thatmarcusfamily.org/philosophy/Mind/Syllabus.htm>. The on-line syllabus will be kept up-to-date, as much as possible.

## Course Requirements:

1. All the readings listed above.
2. Attendance and participation. (10%)
3. Two short (4-6 page, 1000-1800 words) essays. (60%; 30% each)
4. Final Exam. (30%)

Due dates for each assignment will be announced in class, and indicated on line.