

# PSK 500

## Philosophy of Mind

FRIDAY 17:00 – 19:50



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## Course description

When you're finished this class you will

- ✓ know about the main problems of philosophy of mind
- ✓ be able to think and criticize methodologically and give your own interpretations to philosophical problems
- ✓ gain skill to look at the problems in your own field and lives from a different perspective

**Prerequisites** N/A

### Textbooks:

Churchland, P. M. (2013). *Matter and consciousness*. MIT press.

Searle, J. R. (2004). *Mind: a brief introduction*. Oxford University Press.

### Other material

Lecture slides & class notes

Assessment Methods	Contribution to total grade (%)	Date	Explanation
4 Assignments	15 each, 60 in total	Will be announced a week before	What they will cover will be announced a week before
Final Project&Presentation	20+15=35	Final Week	A 5-10 page philosophical essay on a chosen topic & A 20-min discussion moderation in class (subject to be determined together with the instructor)
Discussion	5	Every Friday evening 😊	Try to be active in class discussions 😊

## Tentative Course Schedule

Date	Topic	Reading
<b>Week1</b> 30.09.2016	Introduction: What is Philosophy of Mind?	Searle, Ch.1
<b>Week2</b> 07.10.2016	Dualism: The Mind-Body Problem	Churchland, Ch.2
<b>Week3</b> 14.10.2016	Materialism, Behaviorism, Functionalism	Searle, Ch. 2&3
<b>Week4</b> 21.10.2016	Consciousness & The Mind-Body Problem	Searle, Ch.4
<b>Week5</b> 28.10.2016	Consciousness & Neurobiology	Searle, Ch.5
<b>Week6</b> 04.11.2016	Folk Psychology & Intentionality	Searle, Ch.6 & Churchland Ch.3, Sections 3&4
<b>Week7</b> 11.11.2016	<b>Midterm Week</b>	
<b>Week8</b> 18.11.2016	Mental Causation	Searle, Ch.7
<b>Week9</b> 25.11.2016	Free Will	Searle, Ch.8
<b>Week10</b> 02.12.2016	The Unconscious & The Explanation of Behavior	Searle, Ch.9
<b>Week11</b> 09.12.2016	No Class	
<b>Week12</b> 16.12.2016	Cognitive/Computational Approach & Artificial Intelligence	Churchland, Ch. 5&6
<b>Week13</b> 23.12.2016	Neuropsychology & Cognitive Neurobiology	Churchland, Ch. 7
<b>Week14</b> 30.12.2016	Distributed Intelligence in the Universe & Introspective Consciousness	Churchland, Ch. 8