

PHIL104 (Trimester 2 2023)

Minds, Brains, and Persons

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21 items

Week 1: Introduction

No reading is required this week.

Week 2: Descartes and Bostrom (2 items)

Meditations on First Philosophy - René Descartes

[Webpage](#) | Required | This is a PDF of the Meditations (which are in the public domain), available directly on the web. Click "View Online" to access it. Read the first meditation only; that's pages 6-8.

Are We Living in a Computer Simulation? - Nick Bostrom, 2003

[Article](#) | Required

Week 3: Putnam and Hanson (2 items)

Observation (Chapter 1)

[Chapter](#) | Required

Two Philosophical Perspectives (Chapter 3)

[Chapter](#) | Required

Week 4: The Mind-Body Problem (1 items)

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3.1 Overview: The Mind-Body Problem to 3.3 Physicalism

[Chapter](#) | Required

Week 5: The Mind-Body Problem and Personal Identity (1 items)

Personal Identity - Olson, Eric T., 2002/08/20

[Article](#) | Required

Week 6: Personal Identity and Consciousness (3 items)

Consciousness - Barbara Gail Montero

[Chapter](#) | Required

Two Concepts of Consciousness: Chapter 1 of Conscious Mind - David Chalmers

[Chapter](#) | Required | Please read chapter 1.

Chapter 1: Why the Mystery? - Susan Blackmore

[Chapter](#) | Required | Please read Chapter 1.

Week 7: Consciousness and Metacognition (3 items)

Frank Jackson, Epiphenomenal Qualia

[Chapter](#) | Required

What RoboMary Knows - Daniel Dennett

[Chapter](#) | Required

How we know our own minds: The relationship between mindreading and metacognition - Peter Carruthers, 2009-04

[Article](#) | Required

Week 8: Non-Human Cognition (3 items)

Minds, brains, and programs - John R. Searle, 1980-9

[Article](#) | Required

Is the Chinese Room the Real Thing? - David Anderson, 1987

[Article](#) | Required

Other Minds

[Chapter](#) | Required

Week 9: Determinism (1 items)

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The Incompatibility of Free Will and Determinism - Peter Van Inwagen, 1975

[Article](#) | Required

Week 10: Compatibilism and Race and Gender (2 items)

Humean Compatibilism - Helen Beebee, Alfred Mele, 2002

[Article](#) | Required

Gender and Race: (What) Are They? (What) Do We Want Them to Be? - Sally Haslanger, 2000

[Article](#) | Required

Week 11: Race and Gender (2 items)

Three Challenges to Race-Thinking - Paul C. Taylor

[Chapter](#) | Required

What Is Sexual Orientation? - Robin A. Dembroff

Article | Required

Week 12: Disability (1 items)

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Constructing Disability - Elizabeth Barnes

Chapter | Required