

# BASIC PROGRAM of LIBERAL EDUCATION for ADULTS

Spring Quarter

2024

## Contemporary Philosophy of Mind

INSTRUCTOR	DATES AND TIMES	LOCATION
Noah Chafets	COURSE LENGTH: 10 Weeks DATES: March 21 <sup>st</sup> – May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Remote Course
EMAIL: <a href="mailto:nohafets@uchicago.edu">nohafets@uchicago.edu</a>  Instructor can be contacted through Canvas message	DAY OF THE WEEK: Thursday  TIMES: 6:00 pm – 9:15 pm CT	COURSE CODE and SECTION: BASC70235 – 24S1

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course we'll discuss a collection of classic, article-length works in the philosophy of mind published in English during the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Topics will include the nature of mind, the relationship between mind and body, non-human minds, and the limits and possibilities of communication. We'll aim to test the authors' arguments along with our own views. I'll provide written questions before each class, which will serve as starting points for our discussions.

### REQUIRED TEXTS

All required texts will be posted as PDF files on the course site on Canvas.

Students can purchase books at the Gleacher Center Bookstore online at <https://chicagobooth.bncollege.com/shop/chicagobooth/page/find-textbooks> using the Textbook order form, or by using the ISBN number to order the correct edition elsewhere.

# WEEKLY READING SCHEDULE

DAY	AUTHOR	READING ASSIGNMENT
WEEK 1 March 21	Gilbert Ryle	"Descartes' Myth"
WEEK 2 March 28	JJC Smart	"Sensations and Brain Processes"
WEEK 3 April 4	Thomas Nagel	"What is it like to be a bat?"
WEEK 4 April 11	Hilary Putnam	"The Nature of Mental States"
WEEK 5 April 18	David Lewis	"Mad Pain and Martian Pain"
WEEK 6 April 25	John Searle	"Minds, Brians and Programs"
WEEK 7 May 2	Daniel Dennett	"True Believers"
WEEK 8 May 9	Frank Jackson	"What Mary Didn't Know" and "Epiphenomenal Qualia"
WEEK 9 May 16	David Chalmers	"Facing up to the Problem of Consciousness"
WEEK 10 May 23	David Chalmers and Andy Clark	"The extended mind"

Students will receive an invitation to join the Graham School Student Community Canvas Site, a place to read announcements, have discussions, ask questions, and find resources.

## DISABILITY INFORMATION

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