



## **Exchange programme Vrije Universiteit**

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# Philosophy of Mind I

Course Code	W_BA_PHMI
Credits	6
Period	P4
Course Level	100
Language Of Tuition	English
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
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Teaching method(s)	Lecture

## Course Objective

After completing this course you are able to:

- describe the main philosophical issues surrounding the mind-body problem
- explain the most important philosophical positions and concepts regarding the mind-body problem
- explain the connection between the mind-body problem and the problem of consciousness, social cognition and free will.
- describe the importance of philosophical theories for scientific research and vice-versa.

## Course Content

The question of how the mind is related to the body, also known as the "mind-body problem", is one of the most important problems in philosophy. In this introductory course we will discuss the main positions regarding this problem (substance dualism, behaviorism, identity theory, functionalism, eliminativism, interpretivism, embodied cognition). Additionally we will consider some questions that are closely associated with the mind-body problem. What is consciousness? How do we understand others? Do we have free will? What can the sciences tell us about the human mind?

## Teaching Methods

Lectures

## Method of Assessment

Written exam with open questions (100%)

## Literature

Slors, M., De Bruin, L. & Strijbos, D., The Philosophy of Mind, Brain & Behaviour, Boom Uitgevers Amsterdam: 2015.

Additional literature is available on Canvas for registered students

## Target Audience

Philosophy Bachelor First year

## Additional Information

See the course guide on Canvas for more course information

## Recommended background knowledge

None