

Philosophy of Mind Fall 2026

心靈哲學

Course syllabus

課程大綱

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I. Course Description and Objectives 授課內容與目標

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the most important concepts and problems in contemporary philosophy of mind. Foremost among the issues we will discuss are the mind-body problem, recent theories of mind, mental causation, mental content, and consciousness.

這堂課的目的在介紹近代心靈哲學裡最重要的概念和問題。那些最重要的議題中，我們將會討論到心物問題、新近的心智理論、意識、心理因果性，以及心理內容。

II. Course Reading 課堂閱讀

Required text: Jack Crumley, *A Brief Introduction to Philosophy of Mind*. Rowman & Littlefield, 2006.

Recommended secondary text (a broader general survey): Tim Bayne, *Philosophy of Mind: An Introduction*. Routledge Press, 2022.

Selections from the Crumley text will be assigned regularly, as preparation for class lecture and discussion.

定期指定 Crumley 書中的部分作為課堂教學和討論準備的範圍。

III. Written Requirements and Grading 作業要求和評量標準

1. Two “objective-style” exams in class (兩次考試)

each exam is worth 30% of course grade; exam #1-- **11/06**; exam #2-- **12/23**

每次考試佔課堂總成績的 30%，兩次考試共佔總成績的 60%。

BOTH EXAMS ARE *OPEN BOOK, OPEN NOTES*

兩次考試可查閱課本與 教材 / 筆記

***** THERE WILL BE NO QUIZZES IN THIS COURSE ! *****

本課程不會有任何小考！

2. Small group discussions 小組討論

The class will form small groups, and we will use approximately 30-40 minutes of class each week to discuss questions pertaining to issues in the assigned readings. The results of each discussion will be written up and handed in, one report per group.

這堂課會將同學分成幾個小組，每週我們會用課堂中的 30-40 分鐘討論指定閱讀的相關議題中的問題。每次討論的結果要寫成報告繳交，一組交一份報告。

10 discussion reports worth 5 points each; your lowest 2 scores will not be counted; 8 次的課堂討論每次 5 分，最低的兩次分數不採計。

(8 group discussions = 40% of course grade) (8 次討論 = 總成績的 40%)

Each grade will be based on group participation as well as the written summaries. 每次的分數不只看繳交的摘要報告，也會依據小組參與的狀況。

IV. Other Course Policies 其他的課堂規定

- Class notes will be posted regularly on Ecourse. 課程講義會定期發布在 Ecourse 上.

- all assigned work may be written in Chinese. 所有指定的功課都可以用中文書寫.

- Missed group discussions typically cannot be made up. The purpose of counting 8 out of 10 discussions is to provide you with a “safety net” for missed classes.

至於小組討論缺席則是不能被接受的。10 次討論中只考量 8 次討論的用意就是提供同學可能缺課的一個「安全機制」。

- Textbook policy-- each student must have access to the course text book/ readings to use during class time and small group discussions. 關於教科書的規定-- 每位學生每次上課時都必須攜帶課本 (或該週指定閱讀的部分) 到課堂上。

- Food policy-- students are not permitted to eat during class. 關於飲食的規定 -- 學生在課堂上不准吃東西.

- In assigning final course grades, I reserve the right to judge borderline cases on the basis of attitude, effort, and attendance. 在最後的總評分上，教師保留對邊緣個案依其態度、努力，課堂參與，以及出席而作出評斷的權利。

V. Course outline

I. Introduction and background issues (Crumley, introduction)

II. Theories of mind

A.) Dualist theories (Crumley ch. 1)

B.) Philosophical behaviorism (Ravenscroft ch. 2)

C.) Identity theory (Crumley ch. 3)

D.) Functionalism (ch. 4, 5)

E.) Instrumentalism and Eliminativism (ch. 6)

III. Central problems in philosophy of mind

A.) Mental content (ch. 8)

B.) Mental causation (ch. 9)

C.) Consciousness (ch. 10)