## PHIL 306: Philosophy of Mind Winter 2018

Mondays & Wednesdays 10:35-11:25, ARTSW-215 Instructor Martina Orlandi

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4) Take-home exam: You will answer a set of short questions and write a paper on an assigned topic pertaining to the later part of the course. Instructions will be released approximately 3 weeks prior to the due date.

Extensions: Extensions to deadlines will be granted exclusively for medical reasons and must be appropriately documented with a medical note. Assignments submitted after the due date will be penalized at the rate of 1/3 per day (including weekends). For example, a paper that is evaluated as a B+, if one day late, will be assigned a B, and if three days late, it will be assigned a C+.

Note: Requests for extensions must be directed to the TAs, not the instructor.

Texts: All texts will be available on MyCourses.

Electronics and Laptop Policy: Students may use laptops for academic purposes only. Phones must be turned off during the lecture period.

Note: The recording of lectures is strictly forbidden.

Prerequisites: There are no prerequisites for this course but the material is difficult and some readings can be pretty dense.

Academic integrity: McGill University values academic integrity. Therefore, all students must understand the meaning and consequences of cheating, plagiarism and other academic offences under the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures (see www.mcgill.ca/ students/ srr/ honest/ students/ for more information).

Note: In the event of extraordinary circumstances beyond the University's control, the content and/ or evaluation scheme in this course is subject to change.

In accord with McGill University's Charter of Students' Rights, students in this course have the right to submit in English or in French any written work that is to be graded.

According to Senate regulations, instructors are not permitted to make special arrangements for final exams. Please consult the Calendar, section 4.7.2.1, General University Information & Regulations at <a href="https://www.mcgill.ca">www.mcgill.ca</a>

If you have a disability please contact the instructor to arrange a time to discuss your situation. It would be helpful if you contact the Office for Students with Disabilities at 514-398-6009 before you do this.

Schedule of readings

All readings will be made available on MyCourses.

Dualism

Week 1 January 8 Introduction to the course, Descartes, Meditations II and VI

Behaviorism

Week 2 January 15 Gilbert Ryle, "Descartes' Myth" (14)

January 17 Hilary Putnam "Brains and Behavior" (17)

**IDENTITY THEORY** 

Week 3 January 22 J.J.C. Smart "Sensations and Brain Processes" (17)

January 24 Donald Davidson, "Mental Events" (16)

Suggested reading: Amir Horowitz "Davidson's Argument for Anomalous Monism" (3)

Functionalism