

Programa | Course Description 2021/2022

Unidade Curricular | *Course Unit*

Filosofia da Mente

Código da Unidade Curricular | *Course ID*

FIL2.34531

ECTS | *Credits*

6

Ciclo de Estudos | *Level*

1º

Semestre | *Semester*

2º

Docente(s) | *Instructor(s)*

David Yates

Língua de ensino | *Language of instruction*

Inglês / English (but students may write exams in Portuguese)

Programa (na língua de ensino) | *Course description (in language of instruction)*

We begin by examining the historical development of the mind body problem, from Cartesian Dualism, to Behaviourism, the Identity Theory, and Functionalism. We then study the problem of consciousness, focusing on contemporary arguments for property dualism. We study emergentism and panpsychism as two kinds of property dualism, and close with a discussion of the explanatory gap and its significance for artificial intelligence research. In the final part of the course we study cognition, beginning with classical computationalism and the language of thought hypothesis, examining modern deep learning architectures and their implications for the nature of mind, and finally studying the thesis that mental states such as beliefs and desires, and even consciousness itself, may be illusions.

Avaliação (na língua de ensino) | *Grading and Assessment (in language of instruction)*

Students must submit an essay of around 2000 words and sit a term-time examination. The essay is worth 50% and the examination 50%. Students may also sit the final examination for melhoria de nota, or if they fail the term-time assessments.

Bibliografia (selection) | *Readings (selection)*

All readings required for the course will be circulated via the course Moodle page. The following books are recommended:

Textbooks:

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D. Braddon-Mitchell & F. Jackson (2007). *Philosophy of Mind & Cognition* 2nd ed. Blackwell.

P. Churchland (2013). *Matter and Consciousness* 3rd ed. MIT Press.

E. J. Lowe (2000). *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind*. Cambridge University Press.

Anthologies:

D. Chalmers (ed.) (2002). *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings*. OUP.

Guttenplan, S. (1994). *A Companion to the Philosophy of Mind*. Oxford: Blackwell.