

PHIL 159: “Philosophy of Mind”

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What is the nature of the human mind? Is it just the same thing as the brain? Will a completed neuroscience tell us everything there is to know about ourselves? Can machines think? Can AI become conscious? What kinds of minds do non-human animals have? How can we know? What are other people’s minds like? Do other people even have minds?

In “Philosophy of Mind,” we’ll explore these questions and many more! We will consider a series of case studies—historical, contemporary, and even imaginary (Yes, we get to read some sci-fi!)—to understand the nature of the mind.

Prerequisites: 3 units of philosophy or upper division standing.