

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Embodiment

Course Number and Section: PHILOSOP 3750F 550

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Course Description:

In this course, we will investigate the philosophical implications of corporeal existence. In the history of Philosophy, bodies have been conceptually separated from minds, rationality, and personhood. That separation has had profound social, political, ethical, and ecological effects. Making use of insights from Phenomenology; Feminist, Disability, and Critical Race Theory; and Cognitive Science, we will examine those effects and consider alternate theories of embodiment that avoid splitting the mental from the physical and the self from the body. Instead, these theories place people back into their bodies within sociomaterial, relational, and more-than-human worlds. But then, if we are not purely thinking things, who and how are we and what might that mean about how we should live?

Learning Outcomes:

Comprehension, analysis, and critical thinking.

Area specific knowledge and methodological competence.

Creative problem solving.

Epistemic responsibility.

Communication and active listening.

Self-knowledge and application.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Available in Brightspace and via UWO Libraries.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation	On-going	10
Journal Exchange	10/08/24	5
Journal	12/06/24	20

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Experiential Learning Assignment	11/16/24	20
Essay	Self-chosen	20
Exam	TBD	25

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