

PHIL*4370-01
METAPHYSICS

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Brief course Synopsis:

The topic of this course will be the problem of mental causation. More information on this scientific-philosophical puzzle is available here:

<http://www.rep.routledge.com/article/W024>. We will focus on the metaphysical issues underpinning this very deep and interesting problem, and will dip our toes into the questions of the nature of causation, the nature of properties and events, and the nature of consciousness, as well as the core dispute.

Textbook(s):

- Jaegwon Kim, Mind in a Physical World: An Essay on the Mind-Body Problem and Mental Causation (MIT Press, 1998, ISBN: 978-0262112345)
- plus selected papers.

Course requirements / evaluation:

TBA, probably one or more presentations and papers.