

# Mind Comprehensive Examination Reading List

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This is the reading list for the Mind Comprehensive Examination. An overview of the exam can be found here: [http://uwo.ca/philosophy/graduate/current\\_students/exams/mind-and-language-exam.pdf](http://uwo.ca/philosophy/graduate/current_students/exams/mind-and-language-exam.pdf)

### 1 Required readings

You will be examined on the following readings. The subheadings (1.1-1.3) are only for your convenience and do not correspond to the exam's structure.

Many of these readings can be found online or in David J. Chalmers (ed.), *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings*. Oxford University Press, 2002.

#### 1.1 Metaphysics of mind

1. C. D. Broad (1925/2002). Mechanism and its alternatives (excerpt). In David J. Chalmers (ed.), *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings*. Oxford University Press.
2. Gilbert Ryle (1949/2002). Descartes' myth. In David J. Chalmers (ed.), *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings*. Oxford University Press.
3. Hilary Putnam (1963). Brains and behavior. In Ronald J. Butler (ed.), *Analytical Philosophy: Second Series*. Blackwell.
4. U. T. Place (1956). Is consciousness a brain process? *British Journal of Psychology* 47:44-50.
5. J. J. C. Smart (1959). Sensations and brain processes. *Philosophical Review* 68 (April):141-56.
6. Ned Block (1978). Troubles with functionalism. *Minnesota Studies in the Philosophy of Science* 9:261-325.
7. Hilary Putnam (1967). The nature of mental states. In W. H. Capitan & D.D. Merrill (eds.), *Art, Mind, and Religion*. Pittsburgh University Press.
8. David Lewis (1972). Psychophysical and theoretical identifications. *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 50 (December):249-58.
9. Donald Davidson (1970). Mental events. In L. Foster & J. W. Swanson (eds.), *Experience and Theory*. Humanities Press.

10. Jaegwon Kim (1992). Multiple realization and the metaphysics of reduction. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 52 (1):1-26.
11. Saul Kripke (1980/2002). *Naming and necessity* (excerpt). In David J. Chalmers (ed.), *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings*. Oxford University Press.
12. John R. Searle (1980). Minds, brains and programs. *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 3:417-57.
13. Jerry Fodor (1974). Special sciences. *Synthese* 28 (2):97-115.

## 1.2 Consciousness

14. Joseph Levine (1983). Materialism and qualia: The explanatory gap. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 64 (October):354-61.
15. Thomas Nagel (1974). What is it like to be a bat? *Philosophical Review* 83 (October):435-50.
16. Frank Jackson (1982). Epiphenomenal qualia. *Philosophical Quarterly* 32 (April):127-136.
17. David Lewis (1990). What experience teaches. In William G. Lycan (ed.), *Mind and Cognition*. Blackwell.
18. David J. Chalmers (1995). Facing up to the problem of consciousness. *Journal of Consciousness Studies* 2 (3):200-19.
19. David J. Chalmers (2002). Consciousness and its place in nature.
20. Brian Loar (2002). Phenomenal states (second version). In David J. Chalmers (ed.), *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings*. Oxford University Press.
21. Ned Block (2002). Concepts of consciousness. In David J. Chalmers (ed.), *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings*. Oxford University Press.
22. Gilbert Harman (1990). The intrinsic quality of experience. *Philosophical Perspectives* 4:31-52.
23. Amy Kind (2010). Transparency and representational theories of consciousness. *Philosophy Compass* 5(10):902-913.

## 1.3 Intentionality

24. Daniel C. Dennett (1975). Three kinds of intentional psychology. In Richard Healy (ed.), *Reduction, Time, and Reality: Studies in the Philosophy of the Natural Sciences*. Cambridge University Press.
25. Paul M. Churchland (1981). Eliminative materialism and the propositional attitudes. *Journal of Philosophy* 78 (February):67-90.

26. Hilary Putnam (1975/2002). The meaning of “meaning” (excerpt). In David J. Chalmers (ed.), *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings*. Oxford University Press.
27. Tyler Burge (1979). Individualism and the Mental. *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 4 (1):73-122.
28. Jerry A. Fodor (1990). A theory of content, II: The theory. In his *A Theory of Content*. Cambridge, MA.: MIT Press, pp. 89-136.
29. Ruth G. Millikan (2009). Biosemantics. In Brian P. McLaughlin & Ansgar Beckerman (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Mind*. Oxford University Press.
30. Terence E. Horgan & John L. Tienson (2002). The intentionality of phenomenology and the phenomenology of intentionality. In David J. Chalmers (ed.), *Philosophy of Mind: Classical and Contemporary Readings*. Oxford University Press.

## 2 Optional readings

These readings are optional. You will not be examined on them. However, some of them may prove helpful in understanding the key arguments of the items on the required reading list. Additionally, some of the required readings may presuppose familiarity with these readings.

1. Gottlob Frege (1948). On sense and reference. *Philosophical Review* 57 (3):209-230.
2. Bertrand Russell (1920). Knowledge by acquaintance and knowledge by description. *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 11:108–28.
3. Saul Kripke (1980). *Naming and Necessity*. Princeton University Press.
4. Jaegwon Kim (2010). *Philosophy of Mind* (third edition). Westview Press.
5. David Braddon-Mitchell and Frank Jackson (2006). *Philosophy of Mind and Cognition: An Introduction* (second edition). Wiley-Blackwell.
6. John A. Morton (2010). *A Historical Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind* (second edition). Broadview Press.

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