

Philosophy of Mind Core Comprehensive Exam: Reading List

The aim of the list and the exam is for the student to acquire and demonstrate a solid grasp of some principal issues and texts in recent and contemporary philosophy of mind. The student should select **at least 2** of the following three modules, and should read all the items in each of those modules. The student should also supplement the list, in consultation with the student's exam committee. One legitimate way to do so is to add the third module, and read all the listed items. A second way is to supplement the two chosen modules with additional readings, so that the total amount of reading is approximately the same as in the three modules together. A third way is to choose some topic in philosophy other than the third module (in consultation with the exam committee), and to choose readings under that topic (in consultation) so that the total amount of reading is approximately the same as in the three modules together. A fourth way is some combination of these other ways, in consultation with the committee.

At least 2 of the following three modules:

Consciousness/Phenomenology

Block, Concepts of Consciousness
Chalmers, Consciousness and its Place in Nature
Dennett, Quining Qualia
Jackson, Epiphenomenal Qualia
Lewis, What Experience Teaches
Loar, Phenomenal States
Nagel, What is it Like to Be a Bat?
Rosenthal, A Theory of Consciousness
Tye, Visual Qualia and Visual Content Revisited

Metaphysics of Mind

Block, Troubles with Functionalism
Davidson, Mental Events
Dennett, Real Patterns
Fodor, Special Sciences
Horgan, From Supervenience to Superdupervenience
Kim, The Many Problems of Mental Causation
Lewis, Psychophysical and Theoretical Identifications
Putnam, The Nature of Mental States

Content/Intentionality

Burge, Individualism and the Mental
Chalmers, The Components of Content
Churchland, Eliminative Materialism and Propositional Attitudes
Dennett, True Believers
Dretske, Representational Systems (an excerpt from Chapter 3 of *Explaining Behavior*).
Fodor, Why There Still Has To Be a Language of Thought

Horgan and Tienson, The Intentionality of Phenomenology and the Phenomenology of Intentionality
Millikan, Biosemantics
Putnam, The Meaning of Meaning

Some additional recommended readings:

Consciousness/Phenomenology

Dretske, *Naturalizing the Mind*
Dennett and Kinsbourne, Time and the Observer
Horgan and Tienson, Deconstructing New-Wave Materialism
McGinn, Can We Solve the Mind-Body Problem?

Metaphysics of Mind

Block and Stalnaker, Conceptual Analysis, Dualism and the Explanatory Gap
Jackson and Chalmers, Conceptual Analysis and Reductive Explanation
Lewis, Psychophysical and Theoretical Identifications
Putnam, The Nature of Mental States

Content/Intentionality

Block, Advertisement for a Semantics for Psychology