**PHIL 306: Philosophy of Mind**

**Course description**
Over the last fifty years or so, (mostly) philosophical debate has led to a picture of the mind that now constitutes the conceptual framework for the sciences of mental life. Our aim in this course is to trace the history of the development of this framework, to understand its commitments, and to review its limitations.

**Objectives**
On successful completion of this unit, students will *(a)* understand the contemporary scientific framework for the theory of the mind; *(b)* have a grasp of the primary philosophical objections that have been made to this framework; *(c)* have a better understanding of the methods of analytic philosophy; and *(d)* have developed skills in philosophical reading and writing.

**Course commitments**
This course is made up of two one-hour lectures and one conference each week.

**Selected readings**
Descartes R. 1641. *Meditations* (second and sixth; various editions).