

SADAR PATEL UNIVERSITY
BA (Logic & Philosophy)
Skill Enhancement Semester-II
UA02SPHI21 Philosophy of Mind

Objectives:

Students are acquainted with the philosophical problems that are related to the concept of the mental in relation to the physical. Besides the traditional dualism of mind – body relation, students will be taught the different theories related to the concept of mind.

UNIT I - SURVEY OF THE PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

What is Mind, Nature of Mind. Relation between Philosophy of Mind and other disciplines like- Psychology, Law, Ethics and Metaphysics.

UNIT II- THEORIES OF MIND

Dualism
Identity theory
Physicalism
Idealism
Double-Aspect.
Indian Concept of Mind

UNIT III- MIND AND BODY

Mental and physical events
Materialism, Behaviourism
Knowledge of the Other Mind

UNIT IV- MIND-BODY THEORIES

Interactionism
Psycho-Physical parallelism
Functionalism
Samkhya's Theory

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1. Humphrey, Nicholas., 1992, A History of the Mind, New York, Simon & Schuster
2. Armstrong, David M., 1968, A Materialist theory of Mind, London, Rutledge & Kegan P. Ltd.
3. Churchland, Paul M., 1984, Matter and Consciousness: A Contemporary Introduction to Philosophy of Mind, Cambridge, MIT Press