

This module comprises a close reading of Phenomenology of Perception, one of the most significant treatments of philosophy of perception in the European tradition. Merleau-Ponty offers a sustained critique of the portrait view of perception and argues that the embodied perceiver must actively appropriate and organise the perceptible environment as a condition of having a world. We begin with his initial adaptation of phenomenology, and proceed to outline his arguments against objectivism as found in the empiricist and intellectualist approaches to perception. Merleau-Ponty's proposed alternative founded on phenomenological description will then be explicated in detail. Topics to be covered include perceptual synthesis, the body as objectified, as lived and as anonymous, the role of kinaesthetic awareness, proprioceptive awareness and the body-schema, the motor-intentional projection of action and the perceptual field.

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## What will I learn?

<span class="subHeadCB">Learning Outcomes:</span>  
<p>A clear and detailed comprehension of the most salient ideas from the Phenomenology of Perception, in particular those from the Introduction and Part One. An ability to relate these ideas to the philosophical traditions of empiricism and intellectualism that they develop on and criticise. An understanding of the shortcomings and of the strengths and contemporary relevance of Merleau-Ponty's philosophy of the embodied perceiver, with particular reference to perception in action and enactivism. </p>

## How will I learn?

<span class="subHeadCB">Student Effort Hours:</span>

Student Effort Type	Hours
Seminar (or Webinar)	24
Autonomous Student Learning	226
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>

## Am I eligible to take this module?

<div class="subHeadCB">Requirements, Exclusions and Recommendations</div>

<p>Not applicable to this module.</p>

<div class="subHeadCB">Module Requisites and Incompatibles</div>

## How will I be assessed?

Description	% of Final Grade	Timing
Essay: 3,500 word essay	100	Coursework (End of Trimester)

## What happens if I fail?

<p><strong><u>Compensation</u></strong></p>  
<p>This module is not passable by compensation</p>  
<p><strong><u>Resit Opportunities</u></strong></p>  
<p>In-semester assessment</p>  
<p><strong><u>Remediation</u></strong></p>  
<p>If you fail this module you may repeat, resit or substitute where permissible</p>

Reading List

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<h1 class="printOnly"> UCD Course Search
Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology of Perception (PHIL40250) </h1><h3 class="printOnly">Academic Year 2018/2019</h3><p
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<h4 class="noPrint">Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology of Perception (PHIL40250)</h4>
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<dd>Philosophy</dd>
<dt>College:</dt>
<dd>Social Sciences & Law</dd>
<dt>School:</dt>
<dd>Philosophy</dd>
<dt>Level:</dt>
<dd>4 (Masters)</dd>
<dt>Credits:</dt>
<dd>10.0</dd>

<dt>Semester:</dt>
<dd>Semester Two</dd>
<dt>Module Coordinator:</dt>
<dd>Assoc Professor Timothy Mooney</dd>
<dt>Mode of Delivery:</dt>
<dd>N/A</dd>

<dt>How will I be graded?</dt>
<dd>40% </dd>

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