

This course will look at recent research on the interdependence between culture and mind. Two aspects of culture that the course will particularly focus on are language and moral norms. One of the broad themes that we will explore is relativity. So called linguistic relativity is the view that (a) languages affect our thinking as well as our experiences of the world and (b) vastly different languages will give rise to very different, possibly incommensurable, ways of thinking about the world. We will look at recent empirical evidence for this view, and its philosophical implications. We will also look at empirical evidence for and philosophical discussion of variance in moral norms across different cultures. An opposing thought is that language or moral norms are to some extent universal. We ll examine empirical evidence that bears on and philosophical discussion of this hypothesis.

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## What will I learn?

<span class="subHeadCB">Learning Outcomes:</span>  
<p>At the end of this course students will have an informed view of the impact of cultural variables on core mental activities. In addition, they will acquire the skills of writing academic papers suitable for presentation at graduate conferences. </p>

## How will I learn?

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

Student Effort Type	Hours
Seminar (or Webinar)	24
Autonomous Student Learning	202
Online Learning	24
Total	250

## 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: < Description >	50	Coursework (End of Trimester)
Seminar: < Description >	25	Week 12
Presentation: < Description >	25	Varies over the 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>

In-semester assessment

**Remediation**

No remediation

## Reading List

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# UCD Course Search

The Cultural Mind (PHIL40960) Academic Year 2018/2019

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#### The Cultural Mind (PHIL40960)

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<dt>Subject:</dt>

<dd>Philosophy</dd>

&lt;dt&gt;College:&lt;/dt&gt;

<dd>Social Sciences & Law</dd>

&lt;dt&gt;School:&lt;/dt&gt;

<dd>Philosophy</dd>

&lt;dt&gt;Level:&lt;/dt&gt;

4 (Masters)

&lt;dt&gt;Credits:&lt;/dt&gt;

<dd>10.0</dd>

&lt;dt&gt;Semester:&lt;/dt&gt;

<dd>Semester Two</dd>

&lt;dt&gt;Module Coordinator:&lt;/dt&gt;

<dd>Professor Maria Baghramian</dd>

&lt;dt&gt;Mode of Delivery:&lt;/dt&gt;

<dd>N/A</dd>

<dt>How will I be graded?</dt>

<dd>40% </dd>

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