

161-211 Minds and Computers

Credit Points:	12.500
Level:	Undergraduate
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2008.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Thirty two contact hours per semester: two 1-hour lectures per week for the first 11 weeks and a 1-hour tutorial per week beginning the third week of semester Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	At least one single-semester first-year philosophy subject or permission from the Head of School or the subject coordinator.
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	<p><p>For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.</p> <p>It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability</p></p>
Coordinator:	To be advised
Subject Overview:	This subject focuses on the view that the mind is a computational device. The subject introduces students to the view in question, its ramifications and problems. Students will encounter not only philosophical issues, but some basic ideas in neuroanatomy, cognitive psychology and artificial intelligence. By the end of the subject, students should understand the debates concerning the computational hypothesis, and also be able to articulate and defend their views on the matter.
Assessment:	A written assignment of 2000 words 50% (due mid-semester), a 2-hour closed-book written examination 47% (due at the end of semester) and tutorial participation 3%.
Prescribed Texts:	None
Recommended Texts:	Information Not Available
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # develop the ability to argue more cogently and clearly; # have improved their skills to analyse and evaluate arguments in a cross-disciplinary context; # develop skills in written communication.
Related Course(s):	Bachelor of Arts Diploma in Arts (Philosophy) Diploma in Arts (Philosophy) Graduate Certificate in Arts (Philosophy)

Graduate Diploma in Arts (Logic and Philosophy of Science)
Graduate Diploma in Arts (Philosophy)