### Assessment
Assessment for Mind and Morality consists of two 1000-word essays (one on Mind, and one on Personal Identity or Artificial Intelligence) each worth 22.5%; and a 2000-word essay on Ethics, worth 45%. The final 10% of the student’s overall mark comes from class participation. As part of the course, students are taught how to write essays to university standard.

### APPLICATION PROCESS
Applications are assessed by the course convener on the basis of a student’s past academic record and the School Principal’s recommendation. We take into account ability to meet the intellectual demands of the course and to study in a university environment.

#### How much will it cost?
Mind and Morality is offered by the University on a cost-recovery basis. The cost of the course in 2016 is $775 (course fees are indicative and subject to change). All fees are payable once you are accepted into the course.

#### The application process
Candidates should complete the application form available at sydney.edu.au/study/find-a-course/hsc-courses-at-sydney-university.html and take it to their school principal for approval and submission to the University. Students should also attach a copy of a recent school report. Completed applications (including all attachments) should be sent to: 

HSC Mind and Morality Coordinator  
School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry  
Quadrangle A14  
University of Sydney NSW 2006

- Please see the application form or the Mind and Morality website for application closing dates.
- Late applications will be considered subject to the availability of places.
Mind and Morality is a Higher School Certificate philosophy course, endorsed by the Board of Studies, which counts towards a degree at the University of Sydney. Mind and Morality students are effectively beginning their tertiary education while in Year 11. The course consists of four modules:

- **Mind and Body**
  Am I my mind or am I my body? Do I have a soul that could survive after my body is destroyed?

- **Nature, Machines and the Mind**
  Are my thoughts just brain states? Is artificial intelligence possible? Could a robot think and feel?

- **Moral Diversity and Relativism**
  Are any moral judgments true? Is morality determined by God’s commands? Is morality merely subjective or culturally relative?

- **Moral Unity**
  What are the sources of shared moral values? Should we act so as to increase overall happiness? Should we violate someone’s rights in order to increase overall happiness?

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**ABOUT MIND AND MORALITY**

Students who enrol in Mind and Morality embark on a fascinating philosophical journey. Our ultimate goal is to acquire a deeper understanding of who we are and how we should live. As we grapple with fundamental questions about the nature of mind, personal identity and ethics, we will also improve our ability to think critically, to engage in constructive rational discussion, and to set out clear and persuasive arguments. Mind and Morality is designed for students who are doing well at school and are looking for an extra challenge.

**The advantages of studying Mind and Morality**

- The analytical thinking skills and essay writing skills acquired by Mind and Morality students prove very useful in other essay-based HSC subjects, such as English, History, Geography, Legal Studies and Society and Culture.
- On successful completion of Mind and Morality, students have earned six credit points (equivalent to a semester-length unit of study) that they can count towards an Arts degree or a range of other degrees offered by the University of Sydney.
- The course fee represents approximately one-third of the full fee rate for a six credit point unit of study at the University of Sydney. Students who count Mind and Morality towards a degree will not incur a HECS-HELP debt or be liable for the full fee for these six credit points.

**How is this course recognised?**

Mind and Morality is endorsed by the Board of Studies as a Year 11 preliminary one-unit course, and forms part of a student’s final HSC record. Board Endorsed Courses are designed for high-achieving students to supplement and extend the HSC curriculum, though results in these courses are not included in the calculation of the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). The result for Mind and Morality will appear on a student’s Record of Achievement and can be counted towards a range of degrees at the University of Sydney.

**Eligibility for the course**

Any student who has the ability and aptitude to undertake university-level study is welcome to apply. Students can do Mind and Morality during the January that falls after either Year 10 or Year 11.
2016 HSC Mind and Morality Application Form

Closing date: Wednesday 14 October 2015

Student details

Name
Surname or family name

Given names

Postal Address

Street

Surburb or town

State

Postcode

Gender
Male 
Female

Date of birth
Day
Month
Year

School

Name of school you are currently attending

What year will you sit your HSC?

Contact details

Telephone number

Email address

Residential Status

Australian citizen/permanent resident
International student

Year 12 subjects

Subject

Units

Attachments required

In assessing your application we are looking for more than high academic achievement alone — we seek students with potential for working at university level. To support your application, you must complete the following steps:

1. Attach a copy of a recent school report.

2. Submit the completed and signed application to your School Principal who will then fill out the principal’s report and forward your application to the University.

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Student declaration

I declare that the information provided in this application and attachments are correct and complete.

I understand that the University of Sydney will retain my name and address details on a database and will send me information about courses and events for students in the upcoming year and if I wish to be removed from the database I can contact the University on 1800 SYD UNI (1800 793 864).

Signed

Date

Parent or guardian declaration

This section is to be completed by your parent or guardian.

I give permission for the University to contact the School Principal or teachers in respect of the applicant’s marks and achievements.

I give permission for the above signed student to apply for Mind and Morality and agree to pay the necessary fees.

Name

Signed

Date

Principal’s report

This section is to be completed by your School Principal or designated officer.

Please rank how well the applicant demonstrates the following qualities

(please circle the appropriate number, with 1 representing “not at all”, and 5 representing “exceptional”)

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Please comment on the applicant’s capacity to undertake this course:

Name and signature of School Principal or designated officer

Name

Signed

Date

Please return completed application

(including all necessary attached documents) to:

HSC Mind and Morality Coordinator

School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry (SOPHI)

Quadrangle A14

University of Sydney NSW 2006

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sydney.edu.au/study/find-a-course/hsc-courses-at-
sydney-university.html

This course will be run in conjunction with

the University of Sydney Summer School.

For more information see: www.sydney.edu.au/summer

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The personal information collected on this form will be used by the University of Sydney (and the Board of Studies) for the purpose of processing your application. Your personal information will not be disclosed to any other person or organisation outside the University except with your express consent or where required or allowed by law. Please see the University’s Privacy web page for further information: sydney.edu.au/arms/privacy.