COGS 298 55: Attention

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION
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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND GOALS
This course will explore the concept of attention through various disciplines within cognitive science, including philosophy, psychology, and neuroscience. The course aims to supply students with the skills and knowledge to accurately discuss the latest developments in research on attention.

GRADING PROCEDURES
All students will be expected to turn in a final paper of around twenty pages in the form of a grant proposal by 5 p.m. on May 9th, which will be worth the full grade. The format of this proposal should match the requirements of a chosen grant-funding agency, which should be specified in the proposal. Students may elect to turn in a draft version of the final paper for edits two weeks before the final paper is due.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Jan 22: Foundations of Attention Research I

Jan 29: Foundations of Attention Research II

Feb 5: Attention and the Brain I

Feb 12: Attention and the Brain II
Feb 19: Disorders of Attention

Feb 26: Models of Attention

Mar 5: Attention, Working Memory, and Consciousness

Mar 12: Joint Attention

Mar 19: Cultural Influences on Attention

Spring Recess

Apr 2: Attention and Behavior

Apr 16: Student Topic

Apr 23 Class Cancelled, Drafts Due on April 25th

Apr 30: Student Topic

May 7: Student Topic

May 9: Final Paper Due