

**COGS 553 Psychology of Reading
Spring 2014-2015**

Course description. The course will review research on psychological processes related to reading starting from the more perceptual and proceeding towards conceptual and global issues. The early part of the course will deal with word identification. Then issues related to models of eye movement control in reading will be covered. Finally, comprehension at higher levels, including sentence comprehension and discourse comprehension will be covered.

Prerequisites. No prerequisites.

Time and place. Thursday, 11.40-14.30, S-03.

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Course material. Course material consists of journal papers and book chapters, to be announced on a weekly basis.

Tentative weekly schedule.

Class	TOPIC
19 Feb	Introduction
26 Feb	Background in cognitive psychology, writing systems
5 Mar	Methods for studying word identification
12 Mar	Factors that influence word-identification processes
19 Mar	Processing of letters in words
26 Mar	The dual-route hypothesis for word identification
2 April	Eye movements in reading
9 April	Perceptual span
16 April	Models of eye movement control in reading
30 April	Extraction of word meaning in reading & Inner speech
7 May	Understanding text: Sentence comprehension and parsing
14 May	Understanding text: Discourse comprehension
21 May	Project presentations

Evaluation (tentative, to be decided upon discussion in the class)

Homework Assignments (60%)

Term Project (20%)

Attendance and Participation (20%)