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Office hours: Monday 4:30 – 6, and by appointment.

Sakai website: Course announcements, assignments, etc. will be posted on the course's Sakai website. Email notification of these postings will be sent automatically to your RU email address.

2. Course Description. We will examine philosophical accounts of perceptual experience and its relation to reality, considering such questions as: How does perception give rise to knowledge of the world? What properties, if any, are represented in perception? What is the difference between perception and belief? What, if anything, does perception have in common with hallucination? Is *visual* perception special?

3. Course Learning Goals: Mastery of the material covered in class, and related assigned material, as measured by required coursework (see below).

4. Required Coursework.

Final grades will be based on mid-term and final examinations, and a paper (8-10 pages in length) on an assigned topic. The three elements will be weighted equally.

Students are expected to attend all classes. If you anticipate missing a class, please use the University absence reporting website <https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra/> to indicate the date and reason for your absence. An email is automatically sent to me.

5. Academic Integrity: Any violation of academic integrity will be dealt with strictly in accordance with published University policies. There will be no second chances, leniency, etc. <http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/academic-integrity-policy/>

6. Required Texts.

The main course text is William Fish's *Philosophy of Perception: A Contemporary Introduction* (Routledge Press, 2010). Additional required reading will be available on the Sakai website.

7. Tentative Syllabus and Readings.

Introduction to the philosophy of perception:

Fish, ch.1

Sense-data theories:

Fish, ch.2

Adverbial theories:

Fish, ch.3

Egan, "The Structure of Perceptual Experience: A New Look at Adverbialism"

Belief-acquisition theories:

Fish, ch.4

Intentional theories:

Fish, ch.5

Fred Dretske. "Experience as Representation"

Alex Byrne. "Intentionalism Defended"

Additional readings TBA

Disjunctive theories:

Fish, ch.6

Additional readings TBA

The relation between philosophy of perception and the science of perception:

Fish, ch.8

Additional readings, including readings on *color*, TBA

Non-visual perception:

Fish, ch.9

Additional readings TBA

There will be no class on Monday April 6th.

Student-Wellness Services:

Just In Case Web App

<http://codu.co/cee05e>

Access helpful mental health information and resources for yourself or a friend in a mental health crisis on your smartphone or tablet and easily contact CAPS or RUPD.

Counseling, ADAP & Psychiatric Services (CAPS)

(848) 932-7884 / 17 Senior Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901/ rhscaps.rutgers.edu/

CAPS is a University mental health support service that includes counseling, alcohol and other drug assistance, and psychiatric services staffed by a team of professional within Rutgers Health services to support students' efforts to succeed at Rutgers University. CAPS offers a variety of services that include: individual therapy, group therapy and workshops, crisis intervention, referral to specialists in the community and consultation and collaboration with campus partners.

Violence Prevention & Victim Assistance (VPVA)

(848) 932-1181 / 3 Bartlett Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 / vpva.rutgers.edu/

The Office for Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance provides confidential crisis intervention, counseling and advocacy for victims of sexual and relationship violence and stalking to students, staff and faculty. To reach staff during office hours when the university is open or to reach an advocate after hours, call 848-932-1181.

Disability Services

(848) 445-6800 / Lucy Stone Hall, Suite A145, Livingston Campus, 54 Joyce Kilmer Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08854 / <https://ods.rutgers.edu/>

The Office of Disability Services works with students with a documented disability to determine the eligibility of reasonable accommodations, facilitates and coordinates those accommodations when applicable, and lastly engages with the Rutgers community at large to provide and connect students to appropriate resources.

Scarlet Listeners

(732) 247-5555 / <http://www.scarletlisteners.com/>

Free and confidential peer counseling and referral hotline, providing a comforting and supportive safe space.