Perception is our most basic form of contact with the world. It is a fascinating topic on its own and it is an important issue in all areas of theoretical philosophy. In this class we will cover some of the main topics in contemporary analytic philosophy of perception. Students should expect to gain a greater understanding for some of the different theories about perception, with an emphasis on visual perception. The second half of the course will be very interdisciplinary, but no prior knowledge of the topic is assumed.

28 October
**Introduction: seeing the bigger picture**

4 November
**Intentionalism (also known as Representationalism)**
Tye, M. “Representationalism and the Transparency of Experience” (2002) *Noûs*
Byrne, A. “Intentionalism Defended” (2001) *Philosophical Review*

11 November
**Qualia**
Block, N. “Mental Paint” (2003) in *Reflections and Replies: Essays on the Philosophy of Tyler Burge*
Dennett, D. “Quining Qualia” (1988)

18 November
**Naive realism**

25 November
**Perspective and constancy**
Harman, G. “The intrinsic quality of experience” (1990) *Philosophical Perspectives*
Noë, A. “Causation and perception: the puzzle unraveled” (2003) *Analysis*

2 December
**Perceptual anticipation**
Siegel, S. “Subject and Object in the Contents of Visual Experience” (2006) *Philosophical Review*
Madary, M. “Anticipation and Variation in Visual Content” (2013) *Philosophical Studies*

9 December
**Perceiving higher-level properties**
Siegel, S. “Which Properties are Represented in Perception?” (2006) in *Perceptual Experience*
Smith, J. “Seeing Other People” (2010) *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*
16 December
**Computational vision**
Poggio, T. “Marr's computational approach to vision” (1981) *Trends in Neurosciences*

6 January
**Action and perception**
O'Regan, K. and Noë, A. “A sensorimotor account of vision and visual consciousness” (2001) *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*

13 January
**The dual visual systems**
Madary, M. “The Dorsal Stream and the Visual Horizon” (2011) *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*

20 January
**Predictive coding**
Hohwy, J. “The Self-Evidencing Brain” (2014) *Noûs*

27 January
**Color**
Hardin, L. *Color for Philosophers* (selections)

3 February
**Phenomenal and access consciousness**
Block, N. “Consciousness, Accessibility, and the Mesh between Psychology and Neuroscience” (2007) *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*
Cohen, M. and Dennett, D. “Consciousness cannot be separated from function” (2011) *Trends in Cognitive Sciences*

10 February
**Normativity in perception**
Merleau-Ponty, M. *Phenomenology of Perception* (selections)