

Welcome Students!

This spring, the University of Illinois **Counseling Center** will be offering a new and dynamic **POWER READING COURSE** designed to enhance your academic abilities. Many gifted students find that taking a course in speed-reading gives them the upper hand in the classroom. The **POWER READING COURSE** fine-tunes students' abilities to read more rapidly, with increased concentration and comprehension. Strategic reading techniques result in improved study and organizational skills, which have a direct impact on academic performance.

The typical University student is expected to spend two hours of reading/study for every hour spent in class. The average university student reads at 250 words per minute with **average** comprehension. If the same student increases their reading speed by a **mere** 100 words per minute without sacrificing comprehension, they will cut their study time by one third. With proper instruction the same student has the potential to double, triple or quadruple their reading speed without losing any comprehension.

Is this a course only for students who read poorly? Emphatically, NO!

Regardless of how well you read, you are probably reading below your potential. Many students are still reading with the same skills they acquired in primary school. There are a variety of factors which effect reading speed, comprehension and concentration. Exercises to correct or improve reading strategies are important steps toward reaching your learning potential.

The design of the course is developmental, focusing on encouraging specific planning or habit strategies to gain efficiency in reading speed, concentration and comprehension. The central focus of the course is strategic reading, with an emphasis on replacing poor, inefficient habits, with strong well-calculated ones. The course helps students develop an understanding of the structure of written materials and a mind-set for receiving information. The results are increased speed, comprehension and concentration. The emphasis is speed plus comprehension.

This is a non-graded, non-credit, twelve-session course that meets for 50 minutes on a M-W or T-TH sequence. Sessions will be available twice a semester, beginning February 5th and March 26th respectively. Books and materials will be provided. A materials fee of \$15.00 will be assessed each student.

SCHEDULE

First Session:

Feb. 5 - March 14 M & W 12:00, 1:00 or 2:00, 282 Bevier

Feb. 6 - March 15 T & TH 12:00, 393 Bevier 2:00 or 3:00, 316 Mumford

Second Session:

March 26 - May 2 M & W 12:00, 1:00 or 2:00, 282 Bevier

March 27 - May 1 T&TH 12:00, 393 Bevier 2:00 or 3:00, 316 Mumford

Registration and information is available on the first floor, room 110 of the Turner Student Services Building, 610 E. John St. or email skherber@ad.uiuc.edu Applications will be available August 1st. To request an application via email, include in the subject "POWER READING." An application will be emailed to you.