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Prerequisite: Graduate standing, CS-GY 6543 or equivalent recommended – not required.

Grade Breakdown:

Homework, Midterm, & Final 80 points 
Group Project 20 points

A = 96 - 100  
A- = 90 - 95  
B+ = 87 - 89  
B = 83 - 86

B- = 80 - 82  
C+ = 77 - 79  
C = 73 - 76  
C- = 70 - 72

Textbooks: Free access to most of the required materials will be provided.

Course Description: We will cover important developments in human-computer interaction, focusing on debates and disagreements among HCI practitioners, among HCI researchers, and between the two groups.

Course Topics:

About Design.

Affective Computing.

Emotions and HCI.

Sociable Robots and Beyond.

Pleasure and Enjoyment in HCI.

Cuteness Engineering.

Anthropology-Based Computing.

Innovative Developments in HCI and Future Trends.
## SCHEDULE

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| 01   | About design.  
Course overview & Administrivia.                                                  |
| 02   | Human-Centered Design Thinking.  
User-Centered Design Thinking.                                                        |
| 03   | Empathy.  
Project topics.                                                                  |
| 04   | Emotions and Affect in HCI.  
Project topics.                                                                           |
| 05   | Affective Computing.                                                               |
| 06   | Debates about Usability in HCI                                                     |
| 07   | Sociable Robots                                                                   |
| 08   | Sociable robots are here - or are they?                                            |
| 09   | Kranzberg's Second Law and Social Robots                                          |
| 10   | Pleasure and Enjoyment in HCI                                                      |
| 11   | Cuteness Engineering.                                                             |
| 12   | Anthropology-Based Computing                                                       |
| 13   | Review. About the final exam. Odds & Ends                                           |
| 14   | Project Presentations                                                              |
| 15   | Final Exam                                                                        |
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