TIPS FOR READING SCHOLARLY ARTICLES EFFECTIVELY

You can do it. These tips can help.

If you're zoning out, try…

- Using speechify or another audio service to listen *while* you follow along on the page.
- Reading with a buddy and sharing what you thought the main point of the page was.
- Reading for 15 min / walking and stretching for 5 / reading for another 15 min / etc
- Looking up a photo and info about the author, or calculate how old you were when it was published. This can help contextualize a reading that may otherwise feel nebulous.
- Reading the conclusion first. This clues you in to what's important and can help orient you as you start the article from the beginning.

If there's too much to read, try…

- Reading in the following order: 1. Abstract 2. Section headings 3. Conclusion 4. Scan important sections.
- Choosing one or two readings for each class. Choose readings based on what the instructor says they'll focus on in class (ask them!), what you know you'll need to read to complete your next assignment, or what you think will prepare you most for your practicum.
- Searching key terms and reading sections with those terms.