LING 596

AIs That Can Lie:
Hype, Hope, and
Limits of Large
Language Models

CLASS DESCRIPTION
Basic history and structural overview of
artificial intelligence language models
(like ChatGPT) and their emerging role
in society. Strengths, weaknesses,
perceptions, misperceptions. Ethical
issues and applications.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:
• Explain the basic workings of LLMs,
  and how they compare to older
  computer language systems and
  human language production, to a
  general audience
• Evaluate the successes and failures
  of LLM-generated texts for different
  applications
• Critique and contribute to discussions
  of LLMs (and AI more generally) in
  media and in academia

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