Science, Technology, and Society: Examining the Future Through a Science Fiction Lens

ENGL 507 (undergrad)  
ENGL 690 (graduate)  
HUM 510 (Honors undergrad)

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Thursdays 4:00pm – 6:30pm

Science and tech offer countless benefits, yet also present new challenges. In this interdisciplinary course we discuss nonfiction and science fiction to explore the past, present, and possible future effects of science and tech on society, and how that change shapes us. The only thing certain about our future is that it will be different from today. Led by experimental particle physicist Philip Baringer and science-fiction author Chris McKitterick, director of the Gunn Center for the Study of SF.

Participants write weekly reading responses, a mid-term paper, a paper or creative work as final project, and participate in a group presentation or performance. Everyone helps lead at least two discussions. Satisfies Humanities and Core Goal 6, is a featured Honors course, and serves as a capstone for English majors.

Explore what it means to live through ever-accelerating change!

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