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Course Description

SC 37101: Gender, Environmental Health, and New Technologies

This course explores the different ways that new technologies influence, and interact with, contemporary understandings of health and gender in American society. How does the marketing, prevalence, and use of cosmetic surgery, reproductive technologies, and pharmaceutical drugs both challenge and re-affirm traditional understandings of what it means to be male or female, and what a healthy body feels and looks like? Finally, the reciprocal relationship between new technologies, bodily health, and ecological health will be investigated. Modern agri-business practices, genetically modified foods, and plastics are among several of the technology industries that will be examined through this multi-lensed, sociological perspective.