# ENGL 7/8890: Special Topics in Technical Communication

This special topics course will explore emerging trends in the field of technical communication. Specific focus will be given to user experience and usability studies, technical communication and social justice, the rhetoric of algorithms and networks, and discussion of current debates of theory versus praxis in technical communication scholarship and industry trends. Students will develop strong foundational knowledge of technical communication scholarship, theories, and skills to be applied to various sectors in the academy and industry. Major course projects will focus on the public impact of technical communication scholarship, including options to develop public-facing research projects, community-facing projects, or work geared toward scholarly research.