Connected: Everything and Everyone

Sex, sports, farming, violence, crowdsourcing. In this course we will work together to draw connections between these seemingly disparate topics. Making these connections will help us to better understand the process of conducting research, because research is all about identifying and testing connections. We can analyze the connections between people and their cities; between strangers online; between life adversity and health. In this Interdisciplinary Exploration and Scholarship (IDEAS) course, students will learn

(a) how to test hypothesized links between issues; and
(b) how our ideas, and ultimately we, are all connected.

Through this course, students will gain exposure to how scholars in history, sociology, neuroscience, computer science, and public health build research strategies, test hypotheses, and make conclusions relevant to their fields and the greater public. The course also provides students with hands-on research experience. Students will identify a question of interest to them and explore different ways to test their hypotheses. By the end of the course, students will conduct research, analyze data, and make conclusions about the connections they seek to understand.

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