

RELS 301: AI, BIOHACKING, AND FUTURE TECHNOLOGY

Queen's University School of Religion

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This course looks at issues raised by the intersection of religion and human enhancement technologies. We will consider categories of biohacking, AI, and possible future technologies including mind uploading. You will have the opportunity to probe the growing transhumanist movement and engage diverse religious issues. We will consider what it means to be human and where we want to go with technology that might make us “better.” Ethical issues including social justice and what it might mean to live forever will be debated.

Course Breakdown

This course will be conducted remotely. Time Commitment per Week
All PowerPoint slides will be posted on onQ. During our Zoom classes, there will be lectures by the professor, discussion time, and student presentations on the required material for the day. All course material will be available digitally through Queen's e-reserves, for free. All assignments will be submitted via onQ.

**10
hours**

Prerequisite

Level 3

Required Textbook/Materials

No

Grading

1 Introduction to the Required Readings (25%)
1 Short Essay (25%)
Research Paper (50%)