Spring 2018 Course Descriptions

Instructor: Andrew Pilsch  
Course: 303.903  
Title: Approaches to English Studies: Cyberculture

Description: This course will introduce you to the English major through the lens of "cyberculture." Human culture is being digitized—video games make more money than movies, Twitter is the new commons, people read novels on their phones, entire library collections are being scanned and archived online—and the way this digitization changes or preserves cultural forms is a central question the English major can prepare you to answer. For this class, we will explore a variety of locations where cyberculture is happening and a number of methods you can use to study these changes as you progress through the major. We will likely look at science fiction texts, video games, and digital research methods (including digital ethnography, stylometry, and data visualization).