New Course for Spring 2018

Phil 204
Philosophy of Science
TR 4-5:15 p.m.

The very word “science” carries significant meaning in our culture. Many people advocate its power to transform our world and solve human problems, while others remain skeptical about the scope and reach of scientific inquiry. But what is science? Does it (and it alone) discover the truth about reality? Or is it one human activity among many without any special connection to the world? What role does science have in a democratic society? In this course, students will explore contemporary discussions about the nature of science and learn to develop their own perspectives on these issues.