

Honors 3910

Crossing Borders: Designing the Ideal Human Being

MW 1:25-2:45 Professor Laursen

Eugenics

PROPAGANDA

Bioengineering

CONDITIONING

SOCIAL ENGINEERING



TRANS-HUMAN

ANDROID

**ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE**

Post-human

Cyborg

From social engineering to bioengineering, we study attempts to produce the perfected human being. We also examine how these ideas appear in dystopian novels and films. Among the texts we will examine: Mikhail Bulgakov's **Heart of a Dog**, George Orwell's **Nineteen Eighty-four**, Phillip K. Dick's **Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep**, Margaret Atwood's **Oryx and Crake**, and the film **AI [Artificial Intelligence]**.