

## **SUMMER 2025 SELECTED TOPICS COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

### **ENGL/MLAC 289: Reimagining Plastics**

**Elizabeth Barrios**

Plastics are a staple of everyday life. Yet, the oil and petrochemicals that make them possible remain largely out of sight. Their afterlife either as microplastics inside our bodies, or as trash that will take centuries to decompose are subjects of fear and avoidance. This class explores why plastics are everywhere, how they affect our societies and cultures, and how writers, artists, and activists across North and South America are working to imagine alternatives to ways of life dependent on plastics and other petrochemicals.

### **KIN 389: Sports Medicine**

**Holly Hill**

This course offers a comprehensive exploration of sports medicine, focusing on the medical conditions, illnesses, and injuries commonly affecting athletes. Students will gain in-depth knowledge of the mechanisms, pathology, recognition, and treatment of these conditions, developing essential skills for diagnosis and care.

### **SOC 289: Sociology of Families**

**Staff**