“Mainstream Science”

Do you enjoy reading magazines or watching the news? Have you come across a science related topic (Genetics of Neuroscience and Behavior) that left you confused? We all have! Join in as we tackle biology in mainstream media through discussions on Behavior and Neuroscience, diet and brain function, disease and microbes. Students will work in small groups to gather the facts (newspapers, magazines and government websites) as presented in the media and lead group discussions while engaging their peers in dialogue. What will we compare the information found in mainstream press to? I am glad you asked! Students will search peer reviewed journal articles for answers to questions raised in class. The goal of this course is to encourage students to critically think about topics presented in mainstream press as opposed to merely believing what is presented without critical analysis.