We digitally record, store, edit, and forward almost every aspect of our lives. Society is changing fast, and media play a shaping role in these transformations. This course will explore the ways in which media, especially social media, are integrated into different aspects of our lives. The course will cover 4 topics: media and health, media and relationships, media and social movements, and media and identity. In exploring these topics, you will learn how to observe patterns, ask research questions, test theories, and learn basic concepts in research methods. Along the way we will explore the impact of new technologies on individuals, industries, and cultures, reviewing both conceptual and practical aspects of our changing information society.