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Group Studies:
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Monday: 5:15-7:05 pm
2 credits
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This course examines the context, causes, and consequences of obesity in the United States today. We will begin with an examination of trends in obesity and a description of the scope of the problem. Next, the course will examine physiological, psychological, sociological and economic factors that contribute to the obesity problem. We will then describe adverse health outcomes associated with obesity, followed by an examination of consequences of obesity for individuals in their relationships, as workers, and as consumers. Finally, we will examine treatments for obesity, prevention measures, and potential policy options. Guest speakers with expertise in the above areas will be used extensively to convey the latest science from the field. Questions: please contact Dr. Scharff (scharff.8@osu.edu) or Dr. Kaye (kaye.3@osu.edu).