This course will introduce students to the new and rapidly growing field of critical animal studies. Critical animal studies is critical in the sense that it challenges accepted attitudes and practices towards its subject matter; thus, in this course we will ask challenging questions about commonly held views concerning animals and human–animal relations, as these play out in the domains of science, food, and the pet industry. In later weeks we will consider ways in which critical animal studies intersects with other areas of critical theory such as feminist, queer, disability, anti-racism, and decolonial studies. We will ask questions such as: How are loving animals and eating animals caught up with constructs of gender? How does science construct ”queer” animals and ”gender” in nature? How do ableism and racism play into animal activist movements, and how might animal liberation, disability liberation, anti-racist and decolonial movements be allied? What does the future look like for animals and human–animal relations, and are these futures that we should strive for or resist?