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Today's Technology: How Does It Work?

Technology's pace continues to accelerate. In this introductory course, we will build a general understanding of several important advances, including the internet and cloud computing, cellphones and social media, robotics and 3D printing, self-driving vehicles, blockchain and cryptocurrency, and AI. No prior technical knowledge is required. We will take a broad, overview of these complex subjects, with an emphasis on building understanding rather than exploring each subject in depth or debating ethical questions.



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YOUR INSTRUCTOR: Elizabeth Burnette



Elizabeth Burnette earned a BS in engineering physics from Cornell University, then worked on Space Shuttle experiments at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. She later earned a master's degree in astrophysics from the University of Pittsburgh. Burnette has taught courses in astrophysics, physics and science.

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 20 THROUGH FEBRUARY 24

8amPT | 9amMT | 10amCT | 11amET

Each live session is 90 minutes

- Wednesday, January 20
- Wednesday, January 27
- Wednesday, February 3
- Wednesday, February 10
- Wednesday, February 17
- Wednesday, February 24

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