

## Huron Brief Course Outlines

Fall/Winter 2023-2024

**Course Title:** Sex, Love, and Friendship

**Course Number and Section**

PHILOSOPHY

2076F - 550

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### Course Description:

This class investigates the nature and value of friendship, love, and sex using ancient and contemporary philosophical texts. Questions may include: What is love? Is love a feeling or a type of action? Does love involve union with the beloved? Is love always good? Can lovers be friends? What is friendship? Is monogamy morally required? Can polyamory be ethical? Is sex valuable and if so in what way? Can sex, love, or friendship be political? How are shame and pleasure related to oppression?

The class may choose to pursue other questions or topics including but not limited to: familial or parental love, objectification, pornography, marriage, cybersex, hooking up, on-line dating, BDSM, prostitution, infidelity, pleasure, desire, consent, and so on.

### Learning Outcomes:

Comprehension, Analysis, Argumentation, and Critical Thinking: To develop student's abilities to identify, understand, construct, and critique arguments as well as to analyze concepts.

Area Specific and Self Knowledge: To introduce students to central debates in the philosophy of sex, love, and friendship. While doing so, students are invited to think about these debates in relation to representations of sex, love, and friendship in art and popular culture, as well as in relation to their own experiences, beliefs, and relationships.

Epistemic Responsibility and Critical Thinking: To improve student's abilities to critique their own opinions and identify weaknesses in their own arguments.

Communication: To improve student's oral and written communication skills for the purposes of information seeking and sharing

### Textbooks and Course Materials:

All required articles are provided in the Resources section of OWL or available on-line or through UWO Libraries (links are included in the Reading List section of the Syllabus).

### Methods of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Practice Objection	Sept. 22	5%

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Journal Exchange 1	Oct. 5	5%
Journal Exchange 2	Oct 27	5%
Journal	Dec. 8	15%
Essay	self-chosen	20%
Group Presentation	TBA	25%
Exam	TBA	25%

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.