

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Friends and Lovers**

Course Number and Section

GGB

2001F 550

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Course Description:

This interdisciplinary course investigates the nature and meaning of love. By studying primary texts from around the world, including, works of philosophy, literature, and film, students will explore ideas about different forms of love and its role in a variety of contexts, including families, friendships, romantic relationships, and political communities.

Learning Outcomes: one outcome per entry

Students will explore ideas about the human condition.

Students will seek to understand the historical and cultural contexts of ideas.

Students will analyze and articulate their own belief systems.

Students will improve their ability to understand and engage with philosophical arguments.

Students will increase their skills in literary analysis.

Students will hone their ability to write clearly and argue convincingly.

Students will learn to summarize and evaluate scholarly articles.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Plato, The Symposium (Penguin Classics)	\$15
The Letters of Abelard and Heloise (Penguin Classics)	\$23
Nezami Ganjavi, Layli and Majnun (Penguin Classics)	\$24.95
Leo Tolstoy, Anna Karenina (Yale University Press)	\$30.95
C.S. Lewis, The Four Loves (Harper Collins)	\$21.99
Weike Wang, Chemistry (Knopf Doubleday)	\$23.00

Methods of Evaluation: one assignment per entry

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Preparation and participation		25%
Writing assignment		25%
Two article reviews		25%
Final exam		25%

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In-course Costs \$139.00

For Textbooks and Course Materials (below), you are required to include the cost of each textbook or other learning material.

Note whether there are any restrictions that would prevent a student from using a second-hand copy. Here is some suggested text:

- Required textbook: [author, title, edition, publisher, date]. Cost: [insert amount].
 - Or include the weblink of the textbook’s publisher site that includes the cost information.
- Students need to purchase this edition. Second-hand or older editions will not be sufficient.
- OR Students are welcome to purchase second-hand or earlier editions of this textbook.
- This course has an optional field trip that costs [insert amount].
- This course has a required field component that costs [insert amount].

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