

## Brief Course Outline

**Course Title:** **Friends and Lovers**

**Course Number and Section:**

GGB

2001G 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:

Students will explore ideas about the human condition.

Students will examine the historical and cultural contexts of ideas.

Students will articulate and analyze 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 gain familiarity with works from a variety of global traditions.

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

### Textbooks and Course Materials:

- Plato, *The Symposium* (Penguin Classics)
- *The Letters of Abelard and Heloise* (Penguin Classics)
- Nezami Ganjavi, *Layli and Majnun* (Penguin Classics)
- Leo Tolstoy, *Anna Karenina* (Yale University Press)
- C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves* (Harper Collins)
- Weike Wang, *Chemistry* (Knopf Doubleday)

All other readings will be provided on our OWL website.

## Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Preparation and Participation	ongoing	20%
Two article reviews	02/28/2024 and 04/08/2024	15%
Writing assignment #1	02/02/2024	25%
Writing assignment #2	03/22/2024	25%
Final exam	TBD	15%

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

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