

## Brief Course Outline

**Course Title:** **Histories of Love**

**Course Number and Section:**

HISTORY

1815F 550

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Disclaimer: Information in the brief course outline is subject to change. The syllabus posted on OWL is the official and authoritative source of information for the course.

### Course Description:

What is love? How do we know? How have concepts and expressions of love changed over time? This course will explore these questions using historiographical tools from the broader field of the history of the emotions. Beginning with the debates over how historians can find evidence of emotions in history, the course will examine some of the primary sources associated with the histories of different kinds of love: love letters, films, sentimental jewelry, photographs, magazines, political speeches, sermons and medical treatises. Each will reveal an aspect of the history of love, how it was understood by people in the past and how it can be interpreted by historians today.

### Learning Outcomes:

1. Recognize and define major themes in recent scholarship on histories of the emotions and how they relate to other fields of study;
2. Develop the close readings skills that will equip you for advanced study in history, law or education;
3. Improve your writing skills; your ability to organize your time; your critical and analytical faculties; your ability to develop, discuss, and defend ideas in person and in writing;
4. Conduct original research using primary and secondary materials, and present your research findings effectively through written assignments and in class;
5. Consider the contemporary political and intellectual importance of engaging with histories of the emotions.

### Textbooks and Course Materials:

All materials are free and online in the Brightspace portal.

### Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Academic Integrity Tutorial	05/16/2025	5%
Participation in Tutorials		15%

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Reading Responses		50%
Family Photograph Essay	05/29/2025	30%

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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