

# Phil 3105

## Landmarks in the History of Philosophy:

# LOVE

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**Course Description:** Philosophy means the "love of wisdom." In its ancient Greek conception, it is a form of love. But what is love?

In this course, we will read classical and contemporary philosophical works on the nature of love and its relevance for ethics and politics. We will investigate conceptions of love as a virtue, an emotion, and a sentiment.

Our main text will be Plato's *Symposium*, a classical Greek account of Eros. We will also read texts such as Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* (Book VIII on friendship), Ralph Emerson's essays "Love" and "Friendship," Charles Peirce's essay "Evolutionary Love," and Martha Nussbaum's *Upheavals of Thought*.

Thus we will have classical Greek and American discussions of love at the core of our inquiry.

Methodologically, we will place special emphasis on reading, comprehending, analyzing, and criticizing philosophical texts.