

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 texts will be Plato's *Symposium* and Martha Nussbaum's *Political Emotions: Why Love Matters for Justice*. Thus we will have a classical Greek and a contemporary American discussion of love at the core of our discussions.

We will supplement these works with texts such as Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* (Book VIII), Charles Peirce's essay "Evolutionary Love," and C.S. Lewis's *The Four Loves*.

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