



# Full Syllabus

**Course Title: Theories of Love - BA Seminar**

**Lecturer: Prof. Shirley Zisser**

**Semester: 2020-2021 Spring**

**Course requirements: interest in psychoanalysis, love of language, interest in literary theory, attendance, active participation**

**Final grade components: participation 10%, referat or seminar paper 90 %**

## Course schedule

Subject	Reading
1. Plato and Neo-Platonism, the conventional view	Plato <i>Symposium, Lysis, Phaedrus</i> ; Ovid, <i>The Art of Love</i> , Andreas Cappelanus, <i>The art of Love</i> , Marcilio Ficino <i>On the Nature of Love</i> , Ramon Lull, <i>The Book of the Lover and the Beloved</i>
2. Modern Views	Roland Barthes, <i>A Lover's Discourse</i> , Alain Badiou, <i>Eloge a l'amour</i>
3. Freud	"Contributions to the Theory of Love" (3 essays) , part 1 of <i>Civilization and its Discontents</i>
4. Lacan	Lacan's reading of Plato's <i>Symposium</i> in Seminar 8, Seminar 20, <i>Encore</i>

**Please note that the course is taught from a psychoanalytical (Freudian-Lacanian) orientation**

**Please note that the order of reading and items on the list may change in accordance with class dynamics and the students' interest**



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