

Carleton University

Winter Term 2012

**College of the Humanities
Religion Program: RELI 2711 A
Love and Its Myths**

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Class time: Wednesday and Friday 10:05-11:25am

Course Description: This course studies major devotional movements and philosophies in Hinduism and Christianity focusing on various expressions of love of the divine and philosophical accounts of these expressions overtime.

Required Texts:

All of the texts are available through the Carleton University bookstore.

Plato. *The Symposium*. Trans. Robin Waterfield. Oxford World's Classics.

Orwell, George. *1984*. Penguin.

Jayadeva. *Gitagovinda: Love Songs of Radha and Krishna*. Trans. Lee Siegel. Clay Sanskrit Library/University of New York Press.

Course Requirements and Evaluation:

- 1) Two short written assignments: 30% (2 x 15%) The short written assignments will be 2-3 pages in length and based on your analysis of primary source readings. Further details on the short written assignments will be given to you once the course begins. **The first written assignment is due on Feb. 8, the second on Mar. 14.**

- 2) Mid-term exam: 35% The mid-term test will cover the material from the first half of the course (the Greek and Christian traditions). The test will include passages for which you will provide a written analysis, and questions for which you will provide essay answers. **The test is scheduled for Feb. 15.**
- 3) Final exam: 35% The final exam will cover material from the second half of the course (the Hindu tradition). The test will include passages for which you will provide a written analysis, and questions for which you will provide essay answers. The final exam will be scheduled by the University and the date, time and location posted to Carleton Central when that schedule is ready.

General Notes on Evaluation:

1. Please see “Regulations Common to all Humanities Courses” attached to the syllabus for policy on plagiarism, grading systems, requests for academic accommodation and petitions to defer.
2. Missed quizzes, tests and assignments can only be made up if the student supplies adequate written documentation (i.e., a doctor’s note, an obituary) for the absence.
3. While attendance will not be taken in the course, student attendance at lectures and student success on tests and exams are closely linked. You are far more likely to pass this course if you attend all the lectures and do all of the assigned readings.

Class Reading and Lecture Schedule:

Week One (Jan. 4, 6)

Topics: Greek ideas of love

The Symposium

Readings: Start reading *The Symposium*

Week Two (Jan. 11, 13)

Topics: *The Symposium* (continued)

The Bible and love of god

Readings: Finish reading *The Symposium*

Selections from the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament (posted to WebCT under Web-Links)

Week Three (Jan. 18, 20)

Topics: *The Bible* (continued)

Augustine and love

Readings: Selections from Augustine (posted to WebCT under Web-Links)

Week Four (Jan. 25, 27)

Topics: Courtly Love and Medieval Love

Readings: Selections from Andreas Capellanus' *The Art of Courtly Love* (posted to WebCT under Web-Links)

Selections from Hadewijch (posted to WebCT under Web-Links)

Selections from Saint John of the Cross (posted to WebCT under Web-Links)

Week Five (Feb. 1, 3)

Topics: The 'Enlightenment' and Love

Readings: Selections from *Emile, or on Education* by Jean-Jacques Rousseau (posted to WebCT under Web-Links)

Start reading 1984

Week Six (Feb. 8, 10) **First written assignment due Feb. 8**

Topics: Love in the Modern Age

Readings: "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" by T. S. Eliot (posted to WebCT under Web-Links)
Finish 1984 for the 2nd quiz

Week Seven (Feb. 15, 17) **Mid-term test Feb. 15**

Topics: Cankam poetry

Readings: TBA

Week Eight (Feb. 22, 24): Reading week, no class

Week Nine (Feb. 29, Mar. 2)

Topics: Tamil and Telegu devotional poetry to Siva and Murukan

Readings: Selected Tamil and Telegu poetry (Posted to Web-CT)

Week Ten (Mar. 7, 9)

Topics: Siva, Kama and the *Kamasutra*

Readings: The *Kumarasambhava* (Posted to Web-CT under Web-Links))

Selections from the *Kamasutra* (Posted to Web-CT under Web-Links)

Week Eleven (Mar. 14, 16) **Second written assignment due Mar. 14**

Topics: Devotion to Krishna in the *Bhagavad Gita* and *Bhagavata Purana*

Readings: Selections from the *Bhagavad Gita* (Posted to Web-CT under Web-Links)

Selections from the *Bhagavata Purana* (Posted to Web-CT under Web-Links)

Week Twelve (Mar. 21, 23)

Topics: Devotion to Krishna in medieval poetry

Readings: Selected poems of Mirabai (Posted to Web-CT)

Selected poems of Surdas (Posted to Web-CT)

Selected poems of Vidyapati (Posted to Web-CT)

Week Thirteen (Mar. 28, 30)

Topics: Devotion to Krishna in the *Gitagovinda*

Readings: The *Gitagovinda*

Week Fourteen (Apr. 4): Course Review

REGULATIONS COMMON TO ALL HUMANITIES COURSES

COPIES OF WRITTEN WORK SUBMITTED

Always retain for yourself a copy of all essays, term papers, written assignments or take-home tests submitted in your courses.

PLAGIARISM

The University Senate defines plagiarism as “*presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one’s own.*” This can include:

- reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else’s published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one’s own without proper citation or reference to the original source;
- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
- using another’s data or research findings;
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another’s works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
- handing in “*substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs.*”

Plagiarism is a serious offence which cannot be resolved directly with the course’s instructor. The Associate Deans of the Faculty conduct a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They can include a final grade of “F” for the course

GRADING SYSTEM

Letter grades assigned in this course will have the following percentage equivalents:

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| A+ = 90-100 (12) | B = 73-76 (8) | C - = 60-62 (4) |
| A = 85-89 (11) | B- = 70-72 (7) | D+ = 57-59 (3) |
| A- = 80-84 (10) | C+ = 67-69 (6) | D = 53-56 (2) |
| B+ = 77-79 (9) | C = 63-66 (5) | D - = 50-52 (1) |

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| F | Failure. Assigned 0.0 grade points |
| ABS | Absent from final examination, equivalent to F |
| DEF | Official deferral (see “Petitions to Defer”) |
| FND | Failure with no deferred exam allowed -- assigned only when the student has failed the course on the basis of inadequate term work as specified in the course outline. |

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean.

WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT ACADEMIC PENALTY

The last date to withdraw from **FALL TERM** courses is **DEC. 5, 2011**. The last day to withdraw from **FALL/WINTER (Full Term)** and **WINTER** term courses is **APRIL 5, 2012**.

REQUESTS FOR ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term because of disability, pregnancy or religious obligations. Please review the course outline promptly and write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at: carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/

Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Documented disabilities could include but not limited to mobility/physical impairments, specific Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/psychological disabilities, sensory disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and chronic medical conditions. Registered PMC students are required to contact the PMC, 613-520-6608, every term to ensure that your Instructor receives your Letter of Accommodation, no later than two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations. If you only require accommodations for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodations to PMC by Nov.11, 2011 for the Fall term and March 7, 2012 for the Winter term. For more details visit the Equity Services website: carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/

PETITIONS TO DEFER

If you miss a final examination and/or fail to submit a **FINAL** assignment by the due date because of circumstances beyond your control, you may apply a deferral of examination/assignment. If you are applying for a deferral due to illness you will be required to see a physician in order to confirm illness and obtain a medical certificate dated no later than one working day after the examination or assignment deadline. This supporting documentation must specify the date of onset of the illness, the degree of incapacitation, and the expected date of recovery.

If you are applying for a deferral for reasons other than personal illness, please **contact** the Registrar’s Office directly for information on other forms of documentation that we accept.

Deferrals of assignments must be supported by confirmation of the assignment due date, for example a copy of the course outline specifying the due date and any documented extensions from the course instructor.

Deferral applications for examination or assignments must be submitted within **5 working days** of the original final exam.

ADDRESSES: (Area Code 613)

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| Greek and Roman Studies Office 520-2809 | 300 Paterson |
| Religion Office 520-2100 | 2A39 Paterson |
| Registrar's Office 520-3500 | 300 Tory |
| Student Academic Success Centre 520-7850 | 302 Tory |
| Paul Menton Centre 520-6608/TTY 520-3937 | 501 Uni-Centre |
| Writing Tutorial Service 520-2600 Ext. 1125 | 4 th Floor Library |
| Learning Support Service 520-2600 Ext 1125 | 4 th Floor Library |