



# EFFECTIVE: MAY, 2008 CURRICULUM GUIDELINES

A. Division: **EDUCATION**

B. Department / Program Area: **PHILOSOPHY/HUMANITIES  
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES  
& SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Effective Date: **MAY 2008**

Revision  New Course

If Revision, Section(s)  
Revised: ~~80 GYS, 80 S, 81 K, 82 Q, 83 Z, 84 q, 85 m, 86 B, 87 K, 88 Z, 89 N~~

Learning Settings:  Traditional Delivery and/or  Online

- Non-Credit
- College Credit Non-Transfer
- College Credit Transfer:

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**M:** Course Objectives / Learning Outcomes

The general objectives of the course are:

1. To introduce students to some of the main philosophical issues surrounding the conception of love, including the relation between love and sexual desire, love and friendship, love and well-being;

### Love and Knowledge

Does love require self-knowledge? To what extent are love relationships characterized by self-deception? Why do people make fools of themselves in love? Is love a feeling which overpowers us (as in the expression, "falling" in love), or do we choose to love the beloved? Does it make sense to promise to love someone? Is love temporal or eternal? fleeting or enduring? Does love require coming to "know" the other? Does love grow, or is it spontaneous? Is love fostered or repressed by circumstance? Do we love the whole person, or specific attributes and properties a person may possess? Do we love someone for a reason (or set of reasons) or does love require no reason (is it absurd)? Is love "blind," or does one love the beloved knowing their faults and imperfections? Does one love the beloved in their sameness or in their alterity? Does love seek to unify, or is love the basis of fostering difference? Is love an experience of union, or an experience of celebrating uniqueness?

### Love and Ethics

Is love a beneficial or detrimental aspect of being human? Is love self-improvement or self-degradation? Is love virtuous or vicious? What is the relationship of erotic desire and love to ethics? Why is erotic love identified with notions of exclusivity? What is the relationship between love and marriage? Is it possible to love others without loving oneself? What is the relationship between love and self-sacrifice? between love and selfishness? Is love idealizing? Is love always love of the good and the beautiful?

### Love and Socialization

**Q:**