

Philosophy of Love  
PHIL 201  
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University of Waterloo  
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Lectures: MWF, 1:30 – 2:20  
Location: CPH 3386

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Description: This course explores two related topics: types of love and moral issues related to love. To do with the former theme, we will be evaluating philosophical arguments regarding love between family members, romantic partners, and friends; when examining the latter theme, we will be looking at topics such as desire, perversion, promiscuity, and marriage.

Class meetings will involve presentation of lecture material as well as discussion. There may also be opportunity for in-class group work.

The class will begin with a brief introduction to philosophy for those who are unfamiliar with it.

A reading and lecture schedule, which will include other policy information about the course, will be distributed on the first day.

Texts:

1. *Lust* by Simon Blackburn
2. *Philosophical Perspectives on Sex & Love* edited by Robert M. Stewart

Other Readings: If other readings are assigned, an announcement will be made in class and on the ACE site for this course. These other readings will be available online and/or through the library's ereserves.

Evaluation:

Assignments	45% (3 worth 15% each)
Test #1	20%
Test #2	20%
Unannounced Quizzes	15% (best 5 out of 6, worth 3% each)

Tests and assignments can be rescheduled only in emergency situations. Further information will be distributed and discussed in class. Missed quizzes cannot be made up later.

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Discipline: A student is expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offenses, and to take responsibility for his/her actions. A student who is unsure whether an action constitutes an offense, or who needs help in learning how to avoid offenses (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about “rules” for group work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course professor, academic advisor, or the Undergraduate Associate Dean. When misconduct has been found to have occurred, disciplinary penalties will be imposed under Policy 71 – Student Discipline. For information on categories of offenses and types of penalties, students should refer to Policy 71 - Student Discipline, <http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy71.htm>

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