

COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, TAMPA CAMPUS

DEPARTMENT OF WORLD LANGUAGES

GREAT FRENCH LOVE STORIES

IN ENGLISH TRANSLATION

FRT 3001-001: T-R 3:30-4:45pm CPR 249

SPRING 2015

A GEN.ED. EXIT REQUIREMENT COURSE TAUGHT IN ENGLISH

By Distinguished University Professor Gaëtan Brulotte, Ph.D.

Romantic and passionate love is not a natural given of the human condition. It is a cultural phenomenon that has been created in the early stages of civilization and has become a universal concern of mankind. The course will focus on the substantial French contribution to the evolution of romantic and passionate love. It will trace the history of this major cultural dimension from the early Middle Ages to present. From a courtly art in the medieval times, love was transformed through legendary figures of seduction such as Don Juan or Casanova and reshaped as it was confronted to the "Age of Reason" during the 18th c. when it gave birth to "libertinism", before becoming a quest for the absolute and a devastating passion during the 19th c., a stroke of luck and a pure wonder at the turn of the 20th c., and the only positive intimate and anti-racist value left to the human condition at the beginning of the 21st c.

Get to know the most famous love stories that have inspired literary masterpieces and fairy tales as well as great artists, folk songs and crafts, musicians and filmmakers. Get familiarized with major issues related to love you would have never thought of and get to understand how this powerful feeling created enduring myths that were among the great seminal ideas of the Western world.

Be prepared to engage into an emotional, yet enlightening, trip.

WHAT DID PAST USE STUDENTS THINK OF THIS COURSE IN THEIR FINAL EVALUATION?

"The most amazing course I've ever taken in my life," "a phenomenal experience," "It changed my life," "a mind-altering experience," "truly exceptional," "a rarity," "by far the best course I have taken during my entire college experience," "definitely my favorite class of all time," "best class I have ever had!" "I applied every lesson to my real life," "absolutely fantastic," "outstanding," "innovative," "very engaging," "a most memorable experience," "surveys love throughout 2000 years," "fascinating," "we are lucky to have this type of class at USF," "A class with true meaning!" "beautiful," "brilliant," "a delight," "I would recommend anybody who has a heart to take this class," "powerful," "wonderful," "intriguing," "insightful," "profound," "exciting," "thorough," "moving", "enriching," "crucial," "a magnificent course," "learned so much in so little time," "the dynamics were awesome," "Most important class I have ever taken at USF," "I am sad that it is over," "would take part 2," "I would take this course again," "I don't know where I'd be without it," "a real gift and a privilege," "a life changing class," "I'll always treasure it."

For more information: Walk-ins, CPR 424: T-W-R: 5:30-6:30pm

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**OVER PLEASE, FOR MORE STUDENTS' COMMENTS TO BETTER EVALUATE IF THIS CLASS
MAY FIT YOUR NEEDS**

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WHAT DID PAST USF STUDENTS THINK OF IT IN THEIR FINAL EVALUATION?

- “I have never developed as a student in the ways that this course forced me to. Not only is the work demanding, but it is also very fascinating! Everyday I left class enlightened. My friends want to borrow my notebook just to be as educated as I have become”; -“It's taught me so many things that I don't think I would have learned anywhere else”
- “It took my emotions on a roller coaster (...) Best course I've ever taken”; “highly talked about and recommended.”
- “It's not just a class about love, it's a class that teaches the student to think more about how they write, the world around them, the significance of each century, etc. This class probably taught me more history than the majority of so-called history classes I've been exposed to throughout my entire life's education.”
- “this was the most amazing course I have ever taken, period. (...) This class changed me”
- “should be a requirement for all majors because it is a subject that connects with everything. For instance, we have learned about the French revolution, the creation of guns, birth control pills, penicillin (...) We have learned about arts, politics, social movements (feminism), science (Galileo and the solar system), and economics (aristocracy).
- “I have never taken a class that has been so beneficial to my life and my other studies.” “By far the best course of my college career (...) I never wanted to miss a class.”
- “This class is unlike any class I have taken before. The lectures are interesting and the readings are unlike anything I have read before. This class has opened my eyes...”; “It has been beyond a privilege to have had the chance to delight in such a course!”
- “It has completely changed my outlook on love and how I analyse my own life.” -“ I believe it is crucial for our intellectual and cultural cultivation.” -“A very insightful class! A powerful and intriguing journey”
- “Coming into this, I thought it was just another gen. ed., but no, I will walk away always remembering what I learned!”
- “an amazing course, never would I have given up the opportunity to take this class”;-“This course had a profound effect on me...”; “Not only did I learn plenty about French culture and love stories but so much about history and culture in general. This course taught me many interesting and valuable facts that I did not expect--a wonderful bonus to an already great subject matter;” “thoroughly enjoyed everything.” “I cherished every moment of it”
- “The intensity, the depth, the acquisition of knowledge achieved in this class made learning a joy –it was truly what education is all about. This was the best course I have taken at USF –bar none”
- “This was by far one of the most wonderful and enlightening classes I have ever taken. Although it was writing and reading intensive, I learned more in this class of history, and literature than any other class.”
- “Helped to tie history and the present together, bring deep insights into human condition (...) supremely interesting”; “This is my favorite class for the past 5 years that I have been here.”
- “I felt 10 times more educated”; “I will never forget this class or the material learned”
- “my favorite elective throughout the entire university”; “College is supposed to make persons into more cultured, educated students. This course has done just that for me”
- “I felt as though I gained a year's worth of knowledge in only one semester. (...) I think everyone in the class felt privileged to be there (...).”
- “I learned the most in this than I've ever learned in a class. This combines elements of philosophy, history, sociology, psychology, and elements of the real world.” “Best course at USF, learned so many different things about literature and life. Very historical as well. Got my money's worth. Awesome experience. (...)”
- “It explored the issues of love over many centuries and showed the different trends throughout the years. I will never look at love in the same way. This class was wonderful, I loved it!!” “ This is one of the courses I have enjoyed from the beginning to the end and it will influence my point of love in our everyday life”
- “I was able to see the history of our world mirrored through the Literature of the past 2000 years. I was able to read authors that I haven't had the opportunity to in any other course.” “I wish there were more courses like this at USF”
- “was scintillating, broaden my horizons in literature; gave me a full plate of summer reading to pursue”; “a fantastic class and I will recommend it to everyone”; “meaningful and educational”
- “I have really enjoyed everything that we have read and a lot of things affected my way of thinking in my own life!”
- “a very moving class” –“I have learned more in one semester than I ever have in any literature class I have taken.”
- “I come out of this class looking at things in a different perspective”; “needs to become mandatory since it is such a credit to USF”; “This is what college is all about, expanding one's knowledge.”
- “crucial to the education we get for life”; “I will miss it!!” “If there is a course that everyone should take, this is it”