

PHIL 290: Philosophy of Love, Sex, and Friendship

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Class Information: TWF 9:30-10:20, in COR B107

Course Website: Through Brightspace. <http://bright.uvic.ca>

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Course Description

for a variety of reasons. If you think I am unlikely to know the name you would prefer to be called, or the pronouns I ought to use for you through the entry that I will see for you through Brightspace, please don't hesitate to make me aware.

Office Hours: I will be available for one-on-one or small group office hours on Thursday mornings. My default platform for office hours will be Zoom, but if that does not work for you, please feel free to email me in advance to suggest an alternative. You will need to schedule an appointment beforehand using the following link: <https://calendly.com/ayap/office>. Appointments can be scheduled in 15 minute blocks but if you need more

- Final Assignment: 40%

Your final assignment, like the midterm assignments, will also be primarily intended to demonstrate your ability to understand and explain the philosophical arguments throughout the semester, but options for this assignment will be designed to allow you more of an opportunity to critically engage with them. This critical engagement might take the form of arguing for opposing positions, against the views we have read, but it might also take the form of applying the views, concepts, and frameworks, to novel situations or extending them to ordinary life. Some final assignment options will take the form of short essays (approx 1500 words), but others will offer more creative options. Specific grading criteria will be posted together with the list of options. Assignment prompts for the final will be released a minimum of 3 weeks before the due date for the final assignment.

Academic Integrity: You are welcome and encouraged to discuss course material with others in your class, and work through material and ideas together. That's just part of the learning process. However, the grade I assign at the end of the semester is for your work only. As such, you are not allowed to provide answers to anyone else, copy someone else's answers to any assignments, or use

Carrie Jenkins: "Love is as Love Does: Love's Dual Nature", in

- Week Eleven: Nov 13{19 (Reading Break is Nov 13{15)
Topic: Love and Religion
Reading: Martin Luther King Jr, "Loving Your Enemies"
- Week Twelve: Nov 20-26
Topic: Love in Political Life
Reading: Barrett Emerick, "Love and Activism"
Myisha Cherry, "Love, Anger, and Racial Injustice"
- Week Thirteen: Nov 27-Dec 3
Topic: Wrap-Up Week
Reading: Class choice of topics, or anything we want to revisit
Final Assignment Due Dec 10