PHIL 643-01: Plato's *Phaedrus* and *Symposium*

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Thursdays 1:40-4:20pm

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a close reading of Plato's dialogues *Phaedrus* and *Symposium*. The entirety of the dialogues will be read along with secondary-source material. Topics to be considered include: the nature of love and its relation to philosophy; the soul; desire; pleasure; dialectic; Plato’s use of myth, image, and dramatic technique; and rhetoric and writing.

READINGS


All other readings (from secondary sources) will appear on Blackboard.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Presentation Paper (maximum 2000 words)
- Designated questioner of other students’ presentation papers
- Term paper

*This course fulfills the graduate distribution requirement in ancient philosophy.*