

PHIL 5332: Love, Respect, and Alienation

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1 Course Description and Aims

This course will be about the ethical roles of love, respect, and alienation. The working hypothesis of the course has three parts: First, that all ethical wrongings involve alienation; second, that a minimal condition for avoiding alienation is respect; and third, that there is some sense that love is the full non-alienated response.

We will read central work about all of these topics. More specific topics will include: The nature and rationality of love, respect, and alienation; the fittingness conditions of love, respect, and alienation; the place of partiality in ethics; the extent to which ethics is essentially relational; the ethical significance and fundamentality of the reactive attitudes; the ethical significance of acquaintance with others; the relationship between interpersonal ethics and aggregation.