



## *Syllabus*

# *The End of Love - Love Eros and Sex in German Literature and Culture (from Goethe to Niklas Luhman) - 32891*

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*HU Credits:* 2

*Responsible Department:* German Language & Literature

*Academic year:* 0

*Semester:* 1st Semester

*Teaching Languages:* Hebrew

*Campus:* Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

*In this course we shall focus on the crisis of love as perceived in the writings of modern and postmodern authors, philosophers and psychologists. We shall try to understand the connection between love, eros and sex and the contraction of the Romantic love to sex and power on the background of the secularisation of modern culture.*

Course/Module aims:

*Knowledge and Critique*

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

*Knowledge and Critique*

Attendance requirements(%):

*100*

*Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Reading and discussion*

Course/Module Content:

*Love  
Eros  
Sex  
Culture  
Psychoanalysis  
Secularisation  
Power  
Violence*

Required Reading:

- 1 J.W.Goethe: West Eastern Divan*
- 2 De Sade: Philosophy in the Boudoir*
- 3 J.Herder: Song of Songs*
- 4 L.Feuerbach: The Essence of Christianity*
- 5 R.Wagner: Tristan and Isolde*
- 6.Freud: Culture and its Discontent*

Additional Reading Material:

A. Badiou *In Praise of Love*  
J.L.Marion: *The Erotic Phenomenon*  
M.Nussbaum: *Love`s Knowledge*  
E.Illouz: *Why Love hurts*

*Course/Module evaluation:*

*End of year written/oral examination 0 %*  
*Presentation 0 %*  
*Participation in Tutorials 30 %*  
*Project work 70 %*  
*Assignments 0 %*  
*Reports 0 %*  
*Research project 0 %*  
*Quizzes 0 %*  
*Other 0 %*

Additional information:

*There might be changes in bibliography according to the need in class*