

## **G4301 FRENCH LITERATURE OF THE 17TH CENTURY (SPRING 2013)**

**Instructor:** Pierre Force

**Meeting Location:** 507 Philosophy Hall

**Meeting Time:** Tuesdays 04:10-06:00PM

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

A one-semester survey of seventeenth-century French literature, with an emphasis on the relationship between literature and the major cultural, philosophical, and religious developments of the period.

### **METHOD OF INSTRUCTION**

Lecture

### **METHOD OF EVALUATION**

No papers or oral presentations are required. Students are expected to work independently to study the materials that could not be covered in class for lack of time. The final examination (3 hours) will cover all the readings on the syllabus, including those not discussed in class. NB: All required readings are available in electronic form as attachments to this Syllabus.

Tuesday – January 22, 2013

Introduction

Tuesday – January 29, 2013

Descartes

Required Readings:

— *Discours de la méthode* (1637)

Tuesday – February 5, 2013

Cyrano de Bergerac

Required Readings:

— *L'Autre monde, ou Les Etats et empires de la lune* (1657)

— *Lettres*

Tuesday – February 12, 2013

Pascal

Required Readings:

— *Pensées* (1670) fragments 1-382

Tuesday – February 19, 2013

Pascal

Required Readings:

— *Pensées*, fragments 383-1010

Tuesday – February 26, 2013

Corneille

Required Readings:

— *Le Cid* (1637)

— *La Mort de Pompée* (1644)

Tuesday – March 5, 2013

Racine

Required Readings:

- *Iphigénie* (1675)
- *Phèdre* (1677)

Tuesday – March 12, 2013

Molière

Required Readings:

- *Tartuffe, ou L'Imposteur* (1664)
- *Dom Juan, ou Le Festin de Pierre* (1665)

Tuesday – March 26, 2013

Molière

Required Readings:

- *Le Misanthrope* (1666)

Tuesday – April 2, 2013

Malherbe, Saint-Amant, Voiture, Tristan L'Hermite

Required Readings:

- *Anthology of Seventeenth-Century French Poetry*

Tuesday – April 9, 2013

La Fontaine; Boileau-Despréaux

Required Readings:

- *Anthology of Seventeenth-Century French Poetry*

Tuesday – April 16, 2013

La Rochefoucauld

Required Readings:

- *Maximes et Réflexions diverses* (1678)

Tuesday – April 23, 2013

Madame de Lafayette

Required Readings:

- *La Princesse de Clèves* (1678)

Tuesday – April 30, 2013

La Bruyère

Required Readings:

- *Les Caractères ou Les Mœurs de ce siècle* (1696)