

## Greek 9902 (2011) - Drunk on Talk: Plato's *Symposium*



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**Time and Place:** Tuesday 11:30-1:30 Lawson 3220

**Description:** Plato's *Symposium* will be read in Greek. Topics for discussion will include (but are not limited to) the Greek symposium, Greek erotic practices, the nature of ideal Platonic love, Plato's manipulation of literary and religious genres, the characterization of the participants, and the dialogue's function as a defence of Socrates.

**Objectives:**

- \*To consolidate skills in reading Attic Greek
- \*To become familiar with the major interpretative issues that should be considered when approaching this dialogue
- \*To develop skills in conducting and sharing research, both in the form of an oral presentation and a written paper
- \*To participate in a collaborative community of scholars who meet to share ideas and observations about a seminal text from Classical Athens.

**Text:** Kenneth J. Dover. *Plato Symposium*. Cambridge 1980.

<b>Evaluation:</b>	preparation and participation	15%
	presentation 15 minutes	15%
	paper (based on presentation, 10-12 pages)	15%
	term test (translation, commentary) Nov. 1	20%
	final exam (translation, commentary ) TBA	35%

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