



**BASIC PROGRAM of LIBERAL EDUCATION FOR ADULTS**  
**Summer, 2024**  
**Alexandre Dumas: *The Count of Monte Cristo***

COURSE INFORMATION		
COURSE TITLE <i>Alexandre Dumas: The Count of Monte Cristo</i>	CODE & SECTION BASC 70250 24U1	LENGTH OF COURSE 8 weeks June 11 to July 30, 2024
COURSE SCHEDULE DAYS: Tuesday mornings, 9:30am-12:45pm	CLASS LOCATION Gleacher Center IN-PERSON	INSTRUCTOR Clare Pearson EMAIL: <a href="mailto:pearson5478@comcast.net">pearson5478@comcast.net</a>

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Definitely a page-turner and one of the most popular of the blockbuster 19th century French novels, *The Count of Monte Cristo* is also a surprisingly complex and rich piece of literature. Exploring a tale of intricate revenge, Dumas present us with a complex variety of characters against a backdrop of the wealthy classes and emerging capitalism in 19th century French society, as well as a careful psychological portrait of betrayal, and the seduction and ultimate damage done by vengeance. We will read and discuss this long but enjoyable and rewarding classic over 8 weeks, using the Penguin edition (Robin Buss translation). Please read chaps. 1-16 for the first class.

**REQUIRED TEXTS**

Alexandre Dumas, *The Count of Monte Cristo*, tr. Robin Buss, Penguin Classics, Penguin Books, ISBN 978-0-140-44926-6

## WEEKLY READING SCHEDULE

*(please note that the schedule may be adjusted to the needs of the class. Reading may run in advance of discussion)*

WEEK	Author	TEXT/READING ASSIGNMENT
<b>Week 1</b> Date: June 11	Dumas	The Count of Monte Cristo, Chapters 1-16: "Arrival"- "An Italian Scholar"
<b>Week 2</b> Date: June 18	Dumas	The Count of Monte Cristo, Chapters 17-30: "The Abbe's Cell" - "September the Fifth"
<b>Week 3</b> Date: June 25	Dumas	The Count of Monte Cristo, Chapters 31-39: "Italy: Sinbad the Sailor" - "The Guests"
<b>Week 4</b> Date: July 2	Dumas	The Count of Monte Cristo, Chapters 40-53: "Breakfast"- "Robert Le Diable"
<b>Week 5</b> Date: July 9	Dumas	The Count of Monte Cristo, Chapters 54-69: "Rise and Fall" - "Information"
<b>Week 6</b> Date: July 16	Dumas	The Count of Monte Cristo, Chapters 70-81: "The Ball"- "The Retired Baker's Room"
<b>Week 7</b> Date: July 23	Dumas	The Count of Monte Cristo, Chapters 82-98; "Breaking and Entering"- "The Inn of the Bell and Bottle"
<b>Week 8</b> Date: July 30	Dumas	The Count of Monte Cristo, Chapters 99-117: "The Law" - "October the Fifth"

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