



BASIC PROGRAM of LIBERAL EDUCATION FOR ADULTS
Autumn, 2022
Tolstoy: *Anna Karenina*

COURSE INFORMATION		
COURSE TITLE Tolstoy: <i>Anna Karenina</i>	CODE & SECTION BASC 70018 22A1	LENGTH OF COURSE 10 weeks
COURSE SCHEDULE DAYS: Monday evenings 6-9:15 PM	CLASS LOCATION Online	INSTRUCTOR Clare Pearson EMAIL: cepearson@uchicago.edu

PREREQUISITES: none

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Tolstoy describes *Anna Karenina* as his only real "novel": a complex study of character and the situation of women in 19th century Russia, this intricate and enduring work offers plenty of nuance for thought and discussion of enduring human issues. Anna herself is an admirable character trapped in a situation that presents her with complex and self-defeating choices. A masterful writer of women characters, Tolstoy contrasts her with sister-in-law Dolly, who faces a somewhat parallel crisis, as well as the younger Kitty. He develops the male-female relationships with similar nuance and with attention to the dynamics of influence and transformation, as well as to the limits of romantic relationships in the search for happiness and meaning. We will undertake a close and in-depth reading and discussion, working from the newer and masterful Pevear & Volokhonsky translation. *Please read Part One Chaps 1-24 for the first class.*

REQUIRED TEXTS

- Tolstoy, *Anna Karenina*, Penguin Classics, tr, Pevear & Volokhonsky, ISBN 978-0143035008

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
Week 1 Date: Sept 26	Tolstoy	Part One, chaps 1-24
Week 2 Date: Oct 3	Tolstoy	Part One chaps 25-end, Part Two chaps 1-17
Week 3 Date: Oct 10	Tolstoy	Part Two, chaps 18-end, Part Three chaps 1- 6
Week 3 Date: Oct 17	Tolstoy	Part Three, chaps 6-end
Week 5 Date: Oct 24	Tolstoy	Part Four
Week 6 Date: Oct 31	Tolstoy	Part Five, chaps 1-27
Week 7 Date: Nov 7	Tolstoy	Part Five, Chaps 28-end, Part Six, chaps 1-13
Week 8 Date: Nov 14	Tolstoy	Part Six chaps 14-end
Week 9 Date: Nov 28	Tolstoy	Part Seven
Week 10 Date: Dec 5	Tolstoy	Part Eight

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