**COURSE INFORMATION**

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**COURSE SCHEDULE**

- **DAY**: Tuesday
- **TIME**: 6:00 PM – 9:15 PM
- **CLASS LOCATION**: ONLINE
- Please accept the Canvas invite!
- **INSTRUCTOR**: Katia Mitova
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**GRAHAM SCHOOL INFORMATION**

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**PREREQUISITES**

None

**ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Students should register before the course begins. In order to earn a certificate, students should attend at least 6 classes of each regular Basic Program course.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

We will read and discuss four of the mature novels Vladimir Nabokov wrote in Russian while living as an exile in Berlin: Laughter in the Dark (1933), Despair (1934), Invitation to a Beheading (1936), and The Gift (1938). Even if you have read these works before, please be prepared to reread them, following the reading schedule in the syllabus (usually about 90-120 pages per week).

**REQUIRED TEXTS**

## WEEKLY READING SCHEDULE

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| **Week 1**  
Date: April 7 | Nabokov | *Laughter in the Dark*  
Chs. 1-16, pp. 7-134 |
| **Week 2**  
Date: April 14 | Nabokov | *Laughter in the Dark*  
Chs. 17-39, pp. 135-292 |
| **Week 3**  
Date: April 21 | Nabokov | *Despair*  
Foreword and Chs. 1-6, pp. 3-115 |
| **Week 4**  
Date: April 28 | Nabokov | *Despair*  
Chs. 7-11, pp. 117-212 |
| **Week 5**  
Date: May 5 | Nabokov | *Invitation to a Beheading*  
Chs. 1-5, pp. 5-67 |
| **Week 6**  
Date: May 12 | Nabokov | *Invitation to a Beheading*  
Chs. 6-13, pp. 68-146 |
| **Week 7**  
Date: May 19 | Nabokov | *Invitation to a Beheading*  
Chs. 14-20, pp. 147-223 |
| **Week 8**  
Date: May 26 | Nabokov | *The Gift*  
Foreword and Ch. 1-2, pp. 3-146 |
| **Week 9**  
Date: June 2 | Nabokov | *The Gift*  
Chs. 3-4, pp. 146-300 |
| **Week 10**  
Date: June 9 | Nabokov | *The Gift*  
Continue discussion on Ch. 3-4  
Ch. 5, pp. 301-366 |

This syllabus is a *summary of course objectives and content*, not a contract. All information in this syllabus is subject to change, with sufficient advance notice provided by the instructor.

### CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE
As we may be addressing controversial topics in our class discussions, we expect students to be respectful and considerate of others.

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disabilities and works to remove physical and attitudinal barriers, which may prevent their full participation in the University community. Students that would like to request accommodations should contact SDS in advance of the first class meeting at 773.702.6000 or disabilities@uchicago.edu.