

HIU34515, Romance before Romanticism: Life, Love and Death in Ancien Regime and Revolutionary France (Kiernan Knowles)

Assessment: two essays 40% and 60%



This module will introduce the student to the private and family life of the ancien régime subject and revolutionary citizen, from the lower classes to the royal court. It will explore marriage, motherhood, fatherhood, childhood and death among others. But it will also introduce the student to the underbelly of the Enlightenment, the sexual underworld of Paris, infidelity and adultery, prostitution and licentiousness. The student will gain an understanding of the quotidian existence of men and women at many levels during this period of intellectual, cultural, religious and political upheaval.