

## O- COURSE CONTENT FORM

**O-French Novel: *La Peste*, Albert Camus**

Instructor: Judy Diner

**Course format:** Discussion, entirely in French

**Prerequisite:** Ability to converse in French and understand materials intended for native speakers of French.

**Class description.** Join our interactive class to refresh your French speaking skills and expand your knowledge through lively discussion in a relaxed atmosphere. We read and discuss a different French novel each term. (Participants may choose to lead the weekly discussion based on the week's reading, about 35 pages per week).

### **Text for Fall 2022:**

**Required text:** *La Peste*, Albert Camus. Edition Folio. ISBN 978-2-07-036042-0. Limited number available through the instructor. Contact Judy Diner [jdiner1@aol.com](mailto:jdiner1@aol.com).

**Summary:** *La Peste*, Albert Camus

Written in the aftermath of World War II (1947), *La Peste* recounts how medical workers find solace and connection in their labor as the Algerian City of Oran is swept by a plague. Come decide for yourself: is *La Peste* a political allegory, a moral parable, an exploration of human responses to crisis or a plea for solidarity? A best-seller during the pandemic, *La Peste* continues to engage contemporary readers with its exploration of timeless themes including: individualism, community, religious faith and the human condition.

### ***La Peste*, Albert Camus -- Reading Schedule (Subject to change)**

#### Part I

1. Pages 11 – 48
2. Pages 49 – 79

#### Part II

3. Pages 83 – 119
4. Pages 120-155
5. Pages 156-192

#### Part III

6. Pages 195-215 and discussion

#### Parts IV

7. Pages 219-253
8. Pages 254-279
9. Pages 280-305

#### Part V

10. Pages 309 – 336
11. Pages 337-355 and general discussion