Course Description
This course introduces students to Tolstoy's epic novel of life in Russia at the beginning of the 19th century. From the battlefield to the ballroom, *War and Peace* is a profound meditation on the causes of war, the nature of human relationships, and, perhaps most importantly, the meaning of history itself. As we read *War and Peace* in its entirety, we will examine the origins of the novel in Tolstoy's early writing, and we will consider the historical, political, and social contexts of the events described: the Napoleonic Wars and the turbulent period fifty years later in which Tolstoy wrote *War and Peace*. Taught entirely in English. No prerequisites or knowledge of Russian required. *(GenEd Credit: H, N)* *(Cross-listed with Honors Program, course #21358.)*