PHILOSOPHY 211 (A01) Introduction to Existentialism Fall 2018 CRN 12519

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Place: COR A221

Texts: Robert C. Solomon, Existentialism. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.

Second Edition. (Available in the UVic bookstore)

Robert C. Solomon and Kathleen M. Higgens, What Nietzsche Really Said. New York:

Schoken Books, 2000. (Available in the UVic bookstore)

See the 211 CourseSpaces page for on-line resources, links to additional course readings, your grades, and class announcements.

## Course objective:

I hope that you will find this course to be enjoyable and intellectually stimulating! Existentialism is a movement that has had a profound influence on Western Philosophy and culture. This course provides an introduction to the methodology of Existentialism, and to its major themes. The course includes fascinating selections of readings by the following key figures in Existentialism: Søren Kierkegaard, Friedrich Nietzsche, Martin Heidegger, and Jean-Paul Sartre. There will be discussion on philosophical problems that arise from the attempt to explain human existence, consciousness and freedom. The course material is designed to be accessible to those with little or no background in Philosophy, but will certainly be engaging for those with background in Philosophy.

Lectures and class attendance: Class attendance is mandatory in the Department of Philosophy. Note that lectures will often introduce concepts and figures that are not mentioned in class readings. Examination and test questions are based on lecture content. Lectures will sometimes be mixed with discussion and in-class writing activities. Well maintained notes will provide an invaluable support to your successful completion of the tests, in class exercises, and final exam.

Policy on technology use in class: Please show respect for your fellow class mates and for your Instructor by turning off phones before coming to class. Studies consistently indicate that laptop use in class negatively impacts the learning and performance of nearby students. If you choose to use a laptop, please do not cause distraction.

Registration status: Students are responsible for verifying their registration status. Registration status may be verified using My Page, View Schedule. Course adds and drops will not be processed after the deadlines set out in the current Un

Sept. 18: 100% withdraw refund deadline Oct. 9: 50% withdraw refund deadline Oct. 31: Academic drop deadline Sept. 21: Add deadline

Course requirements:

1. The first test will count 20% toward the final grade. Format will be 3 questions, written answer. One question will be provided in advance.

6. Camus

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