

STANDARDIZED COURSE DESCRIPTION  
Philosophy 145

SECTION I

Subject Area and Course Number: Philosophy 145

Course Title: Existentialism

Course Catalog Description:

This course introduces the students to some major existentialist themes, some renowned existentialists and their basic writings, with special emphasis on Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Rilke, Heidegger, Sartre, de Beauvoir, Buber, and Marcel.

Lecture Hours per Week: 3

Prerequisites: None

Course Objectives:

1. To help the students to experience one of the most difficult and elusive and one of the most fascinating contemporary modes of philosophizing.
2. To offer an opportunity to read and to discuss some existentialist masterpieces and some basic existentialist themes.

SECTION II

Course Scope and Content:

- A. SCOPE: Students read selections from their textbook and the handouts provided by the instructor; students are also encouraged to find a major existentialist work in the library and to read it.
- B. REQUIRED WORK: Readings are assigned. There is a mid-term and a final examination; in addition, there are written assignments and class discussions.
- C. ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION: Attendance is required in all classes in accordance with College policy.
- D. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: Instruction methods include lectures and required and voluntary class discussions. There is an assigned topic for required discussions and brief student oral presentations.
- E. METHODS OF EVALUATION: Grades for the course are based on examinations, written assignments, participation in required class discussions and attendance.
- F. REQUIRED TEXTS: One book of readings is purchased. There are also handouts provided by the instructor.