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DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Undergraduate Course Outline 202122

Philosophy 2557F
Existentialism

Fall 2021
Tuesday 6:30-9:30

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DESCRIPTION

This course focuses on five philosophers of the existentialist movement, including Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Sartre and de Beauvoir. A variety of themes will be investigated; most importantly, why these philosophers call into question the traditional view of the subject as detached from the world in a relation that is epistemic, and how, in doing so, they emphasize our existence as living individuals, that is, as always already situated in a world and as open to future possibilities. These two aspects come together

REQUIREMENTS

Paper 1 35%
Paper 2

The last day of scheduled classes in any course will be the last day on which course assignments will be accepted for credit in a course. Instructors will be required to return assignments to students as promptly as possible with reasonable explanations of the instructor's assessment of the assignment.

ACADEMIC OFFENCES

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

participants. To participate please consider the following:

- x if you wish to speak, use the “raise hand” function and wait for the instructor to acknowledge you before beginning your comment or question
- x remember to unmute your microphone and turn on your video camera before speaking
- x self-identify when speaking.
- x remember to mute your mic and turn off your video camera after speaking (unless directed otherwise)

General considerations of “netiquette”:

- x Keep in mind the different cultural and linguistic backgrounds of the students in the course.
- x Be courteous toward the instructor, your colleagues, and authors whose work you are discussing.
- x Be respectful of the diversity of viewpoints that you will encounter in the class and in your readings. The exchange of diverse ideas and opinions is part of the scholarly environment. “Flaming” is never appropriate.
- x Be professional and scholarly in online postings. Cite the ideas of others appropriately.

Note that disruptive behaviour of any type is prohibited. (8.58 - 1.98 onl)-2 (*4-2 (a))-2 (a)4 ()3 -10 (opi)-n* [(you6