INSTITUTIONAL SYLLABUS

(Check One)

__X__ New Course (OR)      Date of Last Review ______
_____Substantive Change in Existing Course

I. Course Title: Existentialism

II. Course Prefix/Number: PHIL 324

III. Credit Hours: 3

IV. Prerequisites: None

V. Catalog Description: Introduction to Existentialism by a close reading of some of its primary texts. Existentialism concerns itself with the problems of the individual coming to terms with their own existence. The course will concern itself with the structure/nature of subjectivity, relationship between the individual and others, and the meaning of life. A special emphasis will be given to religious existentialism: the relationship between the individual and the divine.

VI. Curricular Relationships: This course is part of the elective block for the philosophy minor and the religious studies minor.

VII. Student Learning Outcomes: Through three essay exams, a series of reading quizzes, and a final paper students will:
   1. demonstrate an appreciation for the core issues in philosophy of religion.
   2. demonstrate the ability to analyze and evaluate philosophical arguments.
   3. demonstrate the ability to think and write critically and clearly concerning complex issues.
   4. demonstrate the ability to express ideas and critically evaluate the ideas of others in a constructive way.
   5. Demonstrate the knowledge of and ability to use the basic vocabulary of the subject.

VIII. Content Outline:
   Unit 1: Kierkegaard
   Unit 2: Friedrich Nietzsche
   Unit 3: Martin Heidegger
   Unit 4: Martin Buber
   Unit 5: Jean Paul Sartre
   Unit 6: Albert Camus and Simone De Beauvoir
IX. Course Procedures:
Through twelve pop quizzes of which the student’s lowest two will be dropped, three essay exams, and one final paper, students will evidence their developing ability to construct and evaluate arguments.

Available Points:
- 3 Tests 100 pts. each 300
- 10 quizzes 10 pts. each 100
- 1 Final Paper 100 pts. 100

Total Course Points: 500

Grading Scale:

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X. Required/Recommended Readings:

A comprehensive introductory text on existentialism and a primary work on religious existentialism, the following is suggested:


*I and Thou*, Martin Buber, Hesperides Press, 2006

XI Any Issues Unique to this Course: N/A

XII Additional Issues of the Department's Choosing: N/A

XIII Syllabus Statement Regarding Course Adaptations or Accommodations:

Should the student require course adaptations or accommodations because of a documented disability, the student shall provide the instructor with the appropriate documentation as specified by applicable law and institutional policy.