

# Philosophy 181 Existentialism Spring 2015

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MWF 12:00-12:50  
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W 1:00 -2:00  
F 1:00 - 2:00

## Class Schedule (Subject to Adjustment)

### 1. Kierkegaard

Mon	March 30	Introductory Lecture
Wednesday	April 1	<i>F &amp; T</i> Editor's Introduction, Preface-Preliminary Outpouring
Friday	April 3	<b>APA: No class</b>
Monday	April 6	Teleological Suspension of the Ethical (1)
Wednesday	April 8	Teleological Suspension of the Ethical (2)
Friday	April 10	<i>SUD</i> Historical Intro, Preface, Author's Intro,
Monday	April 13	Pt 1 A What is Despair?
Wednesday	April 15	Pt 1 B - C ( $\beta$ Necessity's Despair)
Friday	April 17	Pt 1 C - Despair that is Conscious of Being Despair

**First Two-page Paper due in class Friday April 17**

### 2. Heidegger

Monday	April 20	<i>B&amp;T</i> Text Intro, Div. I Intro (p. 37)
Wednesday	April 22	I Exposition of Task
Friday	April 24	II Being in World in General
Monday	April 27	III. Worldliness
Wednesday	April 29	IV Being-With: The They (Das Man)
Friday	May 1	V Being-in-as-such: A Existential Constitution of the There
Monday	May 4	B. The Everyday Being of the There
Wednesday	May 6	VI Care - §40 Angst
Friday	May 8	§41 Being of Dasein
Monday	May 11	§42 Confirmation
Wednesday	May 13	Div II §45 Result, I Being toward Death, II Resoluteness
Friday	May 15	III Authentic Potentiality-for-Being-a-Whole

**Second Two-page paper due in class Friday May 15**

### 3. Sartre

Monday	May 18	Intro: The Pursuit Being
Wednesday	May 20	Pt I Chp 1 The Origin of Negation
Friday	May 22	Chp 2 Bad Faith: And Falsehood
Monday	May 25	<b>Memorial Day Observed: No class</b>
Wednesday	May 27	Bad Faith: The coquette, the waiter and the homosexual
Friday	May 29	Bad Faith: Its "Faith"
Monday	June 1	Pt III Chp 1: I. Freedom: First Condition of Action
Wednesday	June 3	II. Freedom and Facticity: The Situation
Friday	June 5	III. Freedom and Responsibility

**Five-page paper due in class Friday June 5**

**Review Session: Monday June 8, 7:00-9:00 pm**

**Final Exam: Wednesday June 10, 11:30-2:30 am**

## Required Texts (Available for Purchase at Groundwork Books)

Kierkegaard	<i>Fear and Trembling (F&amp;T)</i>	Cambridge
Kierkegaard	<i>Sickness unto Death (SuD)</i>	Cambridge
Heidegger	<i>Being and Time (B&amp;T)</i>	SUNY
Sartre	<i>Being and Nothingness (B&amp;N)</i>	Washington Square

Please purchase *assigned* editions if at all possible. They have been selected for their overall quality and scholarly apparatus. The Macquarrie and Robinson edition is *not* recommended.

## Requirements

Attendance, class participation, one in-class exam, two 2-page papers, on 5-page paper, final examination. *All work must be completed to receive a passing final grade.*

## Papers

Topics will be assigned in class. Due dates subject to revision. Students are required to hand in a hard copy in class on due date *and* to submit an identical copy electronically to [http:// www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com). Class ID 9707835 Class Password: Classpass123 [Uppercase C no spaces].

Extensions will be granted when circumstances warrant *provided arrangements are made with the instructor at least 24 hours in advance*. There are no automatic extensions. It is better to ask for an extension sooner rather than later. Except in unusual circumstances (e.g. medical emergencies, a disaster that strikes the student or the immediate family), unexcused late papers are subject to the penalty of being dropped at least one letter grade e.g. B>C.

Interpretations or ideas borrowed, directly or indirectly, from secondary sources or other people (apart from the instructor but including fellow students) must be footnoted. Any use of web-based material must be footnoted. Anything else is plagiarism and will be treated as such. Students are encouraged to discuss paper topics but must write the papers **alone**.

Students are responsible for making and keeping an extra copy of their paper in case the original is lost.

## Final Exam

Traditional Three-Hour Closed Blue Book. Final will be comprehensive. A **study** guide containing all the questions to be given in the exam will be handed out on the last day of class. Exam will consist of a selection of questions (3-5) from the study guide. No tricks. No surprises.

## Grade Weights

2-Page Papers	30% (15+15)
5- Paper	30%
Final	40 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Participation 10 possible bonus points. Class participation can on bring grades *up*, never down. Bonus points kick in at the half-grade margin (e.g. between a C+ and B-)

## Grade Range

Papers in Philosophy 170 are not graded on a curve. Each student can in principle receive an A. The same holds true for less desirable grades.

The minimal standard of performance for a grade of P shall be the same as that for a grade of C-. The equivalent of a C- on the final is also required.

## Other Information

Students are expected to have read the material in advance, to bring the text to class, and to be prepared to discuss it in class.

The Academic Honor Code must be observed in this course. Cheating will not be tolerated. Anyone caught cheating will receive an automatic F for the course and be referred to the ADHB for disciplinary action.

If accommodations are needed for a disability or religious reasons, please notify the instructor during the first class period or as soon as possible. Students encountering personal difficulties that interfere with course work should communicate with the instructor as soon as possible.