

Philosophy 181 Existentialism Fall 2024

TTh 11:00-12:20 RWAC 426

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RWAC 492

Class Schedule (Subject to Adjustment)

1. Kierkegaard: *Fear and Trembling*

Thursday	Sept. 26	Class Introduction
Tuesday	Oct. 1	<i>Fear and Trembling</i> , pp. 3-20 plus Genesis 21
Thursday	Oct. 3	21-30
Tuesday	Oct. 8	30-46
Thursday	Oct. 10	46-59
Tuesday	Oct. 15	59-71
Thursday	Oct. 17	71-106

First 3-page paper due at the beginning of class Tuesday October 22

2. Heidegger: *Being and Time*

Tuesday	Oct. 22	<i>Being and Time</i> , pp. 19-77
Thursday	Oct. 24	77-86,95-102
Tuesday	Oct. 29	102-107
Thursday	Oct. 31	228-235
Tuesday	Nov. 5	274-293
Thursday	Nov. 7	293-311
Tuesday	Nov. 12	312-335
Thursday	Nov. 14	335-348

Second 3-page paper due at the beginning of class Tuesday November 19

3. Sartre: *Being and Nothingness*

Tuesday	Nov. 19	Being and Nothingness, pp. 1-30
Thursday	Nov. 21	33-85
Tuesday	Nov. 26	86-116
Thursday	Nov. 28	No class: Thanksgiving
Tuesday	Dec. 3	559-619
Thursday	Dec. 5	619-711 Last Class

Third 3-page paper due at the beginning of class Thursday December 5

Final Exam 11:30-2:30 Wednesday, December 11

Required Texts

1. Kierkegaard. *Fear and Trembling*. C. Stephen Evans and Sylvia Walsh, eds. (Cambridge University Press, 2006 [1843])
2. Heidegger. *Being and Time*. Macquarrie and Robinson, trans. (HarperCollins, 1962 [1927])
3. Sartre. *Being and Nothingness*. Hazel Barnes, ed. (Washington Square Press, 1953 [1946])

It is absolutely essential that you *use the assigned translations*. You will need them to write the papers.

Course Requirements

- Attendance
- Class participation
- Three 3-page papers
- Final Examination (essay questions on all three texts)

All work must be completed to receive a passing final grade.

More than two unexcused absences will result in your final grade dropping one whole letter. Five or more unexcused absences will result in a failing grade. For an excused absence, please contact the instructor by email, preferably in advance.

Participation

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

Papers

Topics will be assigned in class approximately one week in advance.
Due dates subject to revision. Papers are to be turned in through Canvas.

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 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. All 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 with others in the class but must write the papers alone. Any use of AI to complete an assignment unless otherwise permitted by me is “considered use of an unauthorized aid according to the Extended Studies Academic Integrity Policy” and a violation of academic integrity.

No Screens

Use of laptops, tablets, and smart phones in class is prohibited. Please speak to the instructor if you have special circumstances. Exception: Electronics may be used to refer to texts in class and with permission by students with special needs.

Grade Range

Papers in Philosophy 181 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-

Academic Integrity

The Academic Integrity Policy must be observed in this course <https://academicintegrity.ucsd.edu/>

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.

Office of Students with Disabilities

Students requesting accommodations for this course due to a disability must provide a current Authorization for Accommodation (AFA) letter (paper or electronic) issued by the Office for Students with Disabilities (link to OSD website). Students are required to discuss accommodation arrangements with instructors and OSD liaisons in the department IN ADVANCE of any exams or assignments.