Course Title: An Introduction to Existentialism: Kierkegaard, Sartre, and Camus
Course Code: PHI 96
Instructor: Admir Skodo

Course Summary:
PHI 96 is an introductory-level course that focuses on exposing students to the central concepts and ideas of the Existentialist philosophers Søren Kierkegaard, Jean-Paul Sartre, and Albert Camus. Goals are to gain a firm understanding of basic Existentialist concepts and arguments so that students can better situate their own views on the meaning of life.

*Please see course page for full description and additional details.

Grade Options and Requirements:
- Letter Grade (A, B, C, D, No Pass)
  - All assignments will be graded on a completed / not completed basis
    - Paper (4-6 pages)
- Credit/No Credit (CR/NC)
  - A passing grade (for “Credit”) = attend at least 4 out of 5 sessions.
- No Grade Requested (NGR)
  - This is the default option. No work will be required; no credit shall be received; no proof of attendance can be provided.

*Please Note: If you require proof that you completed a Continuing Studies course for any reason (for example, employer reimbursement), you must choose either the Letter Grade or Credit/No Credit option. Courses taken for NGR will not appear on official transcripts or grade reports.

Tentative Weekly Outline:

Week 1
Introductions.
Overview of the history of Existentialism.
Central philosophical problems and concepts of Existentialism.

Week 2
The central concepts and arguments of Kierkegaard.
Anxiety, subjective truth, the three existential spheres, negative dialectics, leap of faith.
**Week 3**
The central concepts and arguments of Sartre.
Essence and existence, nothingness, In-itself and For-itself, bad faith, alienation, freedom.

**Week 4**
The central concepts and arguments of Camus.
The absurd, the stranger, rebellion, suicide, the myth of Sisyphus.

**Week 5**
Critiques of and alternatives to Existentialism: Foucault, Derrida, and Deleuze.