

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

FACULTY OF ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS AND RELIGION

COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2016

Course	Rel 605. L01; 705. L01 Studies in the Nature of Religion: Existentialism
Time	T 2.00-4.45
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Required Text(s):

There is no set textbook. A coursepack of selected readings will be available from the Bookstore.

Other set readings can be downloaded electronically from Library's journal collection. A detailed list of readings will be available at first class as well as on D2L

Course Description:

This course will be an examination of the development and flourishing of a form of philosophy known as existentialism. Intimately connected with the idea of the "death of God", it takes both atheistic and religious forms. Its major themes revolve around notions of identity, individual responsibility, bad faith, and the relevance of philosophy for a meaningful life. This mode of philosophy will also be examined regarding any continuing relevance it may have for the contemporary world and issues of intersubjectivity and ethics.

Online elements for this course:

The Desire2Learn system will be used for communication, reporting grades on tests and exams, and posting notes and announcements.

Core Competencies:

As this course is basically a seminar, students will be expected to undertake close readings of the assigned material and come to class prepared to discuss it. Basic skills required will be of both an analytical and discursive nature. Students will be expected to identify primary concepts and themes in primary source material. Written assignments will provide the students with the opportunity to hone their writing skills by cogent and well-organized reflective papers on information gained either from class discussions and/or research. A major essay will be required at the end of the term.

Course Requirements:**Four Response papers**

Dates	Assessment	Weight (%)	Required pass/fail
4th October	Response paper	15%	
27th October	Response paper	15%	
15th November	Response Paper	15%	
29 th November	Response paper	15%	
Various Dates	Class Presentation	15%	
3rd December	Final essay	25%	
There will be no final exam			

Grading

A numerical mark will be given for each course requirement. A letter grade will be assigned on the following number and letter grade scheme, standardized within the Department of Classics and Religion:

A+	100 - 96	A	95 - 90	A-	89 - 85
B+	84 - 80	B	79 - 75	B-	74 - 70
C+	69 - 65	C	64 - 60	C-	59 - 55
D+	54 - 53	D	52-50	F	Under 50

N.B. All written assignments will be graded with regard to both form and content.

Please be aware that all three written assignments are directed to specific course content:

Assignment 1. From 12th September to 29th September

Assignment 2. From 4th October to 25th October

Assignment 3. From 27th October to 8th November

Assignment 4. From 15th November to 29th November

Policy with regard to missed assignments/assessment

All dates are firm. Without acceptable documentation (i.e. medical certificate, police report, bereavement notice, confirmation of religious observance, or court summons), missed assessments will be awarded an 'F'. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS IN YOUR DECISION TO CONTINUE WITH THIS COURSE.

This policy is intended to encourage diligence and integrity among students as well as to uphold principles of fairness and equality with respect to other students in the class. Excuses other than those listed above will receive little attention.

Electronic Device Policy:

No electronic recording of class allowed.

Syllabus:

A complete syllabus of specific class readings will be made available the first week of class.

References and Bibliography:

The Department of Classics and Religion uses the most recent edition of the Chicago Manual of Style and requires references and bibliographies to adhere to the Chicago citation system. You can find a quick guide here: HYPERLINK "http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html" http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html. Alternatively please consult with the library staff for help and advice using the Chicago citation style.

Academic Honesty

Plagiarism is not tolerated at the University of Calgary and has serious consequences. Your essays/presentations must be your own work and inadequate referencing may be seen as plagiarism. Please see the relevant sections on Academic Misconduct in the current University Calendar (section K, which can be found here: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>.)If you have questions about correct referencing, please consult your instructor, librarian staff or the Chicago manual of style.

Student Accommodations

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services; SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit www.ucalgary.ca/access/. Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their Instructor. The full policy on Student Accommodations is available at http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf.

Desire 2 Learn (D2L) Help

Go to HYPERLINK "<http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/desire2learn/home/students>" <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/desire2learn/home/students> for Student Help and FAQ's about D2L. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are also available on this website.

Gnosis

Gnosis is the Religious Studies Student Club. For membership or more information please email: gnosis@ucalgary.ca or visit HYPERLINK "<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~gnosis>"
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/~gnosis>.

Classics Student Society

Classics Student Society is the Greek and Roman Studies Student Club. For membership or more information please email: HYPERLINK "<mailto:classsoc@ucalgary.ca>" classsoc@ucalgary.ca or visit HYPERLINK "<http://grst.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/classics-students-society>"
<http://grst.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/classics-students-society>.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- For program planning and advice, students in the Faculty of Arts will contact The Arts Students' Centre (ASC). Drop in at SS102, call at 403-220-3580 or email at ascarts@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Freedom of Information and Privacy

This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP): <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act indicates that assignments given by you to your course instructor will remain confidential unless otherwise stated before submission. The assignment cannot be returned to anyone else without your express permission. Similarly, any information about yourself that you share with your course instructor will not be given to anyone else without your permission. As one consequence, students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page.

Student Ombudsperson and Students' Union Representative

The Student Ombuds Office provides independent, impartial and confidential support for students who require assistance and advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. See HYPERLINK "<http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>"
www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds for more information.

The Students' Union Faculty of Arts representative can be reached at arts1@ucalgary.ca.

Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at HYPERLINK "<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>" www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints. Please check this website and not the nearest assembly point for this course.

Safewalk

The Safewalk program provides volunteers to walk students safely to their destination anywhere on campus (including McMahon Stadium, Health Sciences, Student Family Housing, the Alberta Children's Hospital and the University LRT station). This service is free and available to students, staff and campus visitors 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. Call 403-220-5333 or use one of the Help phones located throughout campus to request a walk.