

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## PHIL 355: Existentialism

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

An examination of writings--both philosophical and literary-- of representative existentialists, such as Nietzsche, Kierkegaard, Dostoevsky, Heidegger, Sartre, and Camus.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 06/01/1995 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Existentialist philosophy.
2. Existentialism as a literary genre.

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Compare and contrast existentialism as developed by two or more major philosophers.
2. Articulate an informed critical response to existentialism.
3. Explain how existentialist themes are developed in literary works.
4. Explain how existentialist philosophy and literature function within their historical and social context.
5. Explain the relationship between existentialist philosophical and existentialist literary works.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted