

**PHILOSOPHY 311 A01 2019**  
**Existentialist Thinkers: Early Sartre**  
**Spring 2019**  
**CRN 22366**

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**Office hours:** Tuesday and Friday 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

**Time:** Tuesday Wednesday Friday 10:30 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.

**Place:** CLE A211

**Required texts:** Jean-Paul Sartre, *The Transcendence of the Ego: An Existentialist Theory of Consciousness*. New York: Noonday Press, 1960. This is available in print at the UVic bookstore.

Jean-Paul Sartre, *The Imaginary*. New York: Routledge, 2004. This book is available as an electronic resource (as a PDF download), via McPherson Library.

See the **311 CourseSpaces** page for on-line resources, your grades, and class announcements.

**Course objective:** I hope that you will find this course to be enjoyable and also to be intellectually stimulating and enjoyable. The aim of the course is to become acquainted with Jean-Paul Sartre's early philosophy. Our focus will be to gain an understanding of his phenomenological account of consciousness and imagination. To this end we will carefully examine two important texts: *The Transcendence of the Ego* (1937), and some sections of *The Imaginary* (1940). In these texts Sartre rejects Husserl's notion of a Transcendental Ego, criticizes core assumptions of scientific psychology, and formulates the existentialist account of consciousness that appeared a few years later in *Being and Nothingness*.

**Lectures and class attendance:** Class attendance is mandatory in the Department of Philosophy. Note that lectures will almost always introduce concepts and figures that are not mentioned in class readings. Examination and test questions are based on lecture content. Lectures will sometimes be mixed with in-class writing activities. Well-maintained notes will provide an invaluable support to your successful completion of the tests, in class exercises, and final exam.

**Policy on technology use in class:** Please show respect for your fellow class mates and for your Instructor by turning off phones before coming to class. Studies consistently indicate that laptop use negatively impacts the learning and performance of nearby students. If you choose to use a laptop, please do not cause distraction.

**Registration status:** Students are responsible for verifying their registration status. Registration status may be verified using My Page, View Schedule. Course adds and drops will not be processed after the deadlines set out in the current UVic Calendar.

**Jan. 20:** 100% withdraw refund deadline

**Jan. 23:** Add deadline

**Feb. 10:** 50% withdraw refund deadline

**Feb. 28:** Academic drop deadline

**Course requirements:** I will provide a “handout” for test preparation (on Coursespaces), and I will also deliver an in-class review before each test and final exam.

1. The first test will count **30%** toward the final grade. There will be four questions. Two questions will be provided in advance.

**Dates: Feb. 13 & 26**

2. The second test will count **15%** toward the final grade. There will be two questions. One question will be provided in advance.

**Dates: March 20**

3. An in-class presentation will count **15%** toward the final grade. The presentation will be 7 to 15 minutes in length. Full instructions will be provided.

4. The final examination will count **40%** toward the final grade. One or two questions will be provided in advance. The final exam will be scheduled in the April exam period.

**Grading scheme:**

A+	90-100
A	85-89
A-	80-84
B+	77-79
B	73-76
B-	70-72
C+	65-69
C	60-64
D	50-59
F	0-49

For N grades and DEF status, please see the UVic Academic Calendar.

Quizzes and essays will be returned in class as soon as they are graded. Final examinations are the property of the UVic, and will not be returned. Students’ grades are available through <[www.uvic.ca/mypage](http://www.uvic.ca/mypage)>.

It is important for all students to read the following policy on **Academic Misconduct** in the UVic 2018-19 Calendar via <http://web.uvic.ca/calendar2017-05/undergrad/info/regulations/academic-integrity.html> Here are two sections of the policy:

**Cheating on Tests and Examinations:** Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

- copying the answers or other work of another person
- having in an examination or test any materials or equipment other than those authorized by the examiners

- accessing unauthorized information or answers when doing take-home assignments, tests, or examinations
- impersonating a student on an examination or test, or being assigned the results of such impersonation
- accessing or attempting to access examinations or tests before it is permitted to do so

Students found communicating with one another in any way or having unauthorized books, papers, notes or electronic devices in their possession during a test or examination will be considered to be in violation of this policy. (Academic Calendar 2018-19)

**Plagiarism:** A student commits plagiarism when he or she:

- submits the work of another person as original work
- gives inadequate attribution to an author or creator whose work is incorporated into the student's work, including failing to indicate clearly (through accepted practices within the discipline, such as footnotes, internal references and the crediting of all verbatim passages through indentations of longer passages or the use of quotation marks) the inclusion of another individual's work
- paraphrases material from a source without sufficient acknowledgement as described above

The University reserves the right to use plagiarism detection software programs to detect plagiarism in essays, term papers and other work. (UVic Academic Calendar 2018-19)

**Missed tests and exam:** You are responsible for attending scheduled tests and examination. If you miss any of the tests for a justifiable reason (i.e. illness, accident, or family affliction), your course requirement percentage weighting will be adjusted. Note that you *must* provide documentation of your illness or accident. Otherwise, you will receive a score of zero.

If you miss the final exam for an allowable reason (i.e. illness, accident, or family affliction), you must apply to Records Services for a "Request for Academic Concession". This application must be made within ten working days of missing the exam (See Annual Calendar). If this request is approved, you will be assigned a make-up exam. If this request is not approved, you will receive a score of zero.

Information regarding religious observance can be located in the UVic Calendar, and in posted Philosophy Department Policies.

**Course experience survey (CES):** I value your feedback on this course. Towards the end of term you will have the opportunity to complete a confidential course experience survey (CES) regarding your learning experience. The survey is vital to providing feedback to me regarding the course and my teaching, as well as to help the department improve the overall program for students in the future. When it is time for you to complete the survey, you will receive an email inviting you to do so. If you do not receive an email invitation, you can go directly to <http://ces.uvic.ca>. You will need to use your UVic NetLink ID to access the survey, which can be done on your laptop, tablet or mobile device.

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**Class reading schedule:**

The following is the **probable** schedule for the duration of the course. Additional readings and/or any changes to required readings will be announced in class and posted on Coursespaces.

<u>Class Topic and Reading</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Orientation and Introduction</b>	Jan. 8
<i>The Transcendence of the Ego</i>	
Translators' introduction pp. 11-27	Jan 9, 11, 15, 16, 18
pp. 31-60	Jan. 22, 23, 25
pp. 60-106	Jan. 29, 30, Feb. 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 15
<b>Test # 1</b>	<b>Feb. 13, 26</b>
<i>The Imaginary</i>	
pp. 4-16	Feb. 27, March 1, 5
pp. 17-21; 50-55	March 6, 8, 12
pp. 179-194	March 13, 15, 19
<b>Test #2</b>	<b>March 20</b>
C.W. Robbins "Sartre and the Moral Life"	March 22
<b>Presentations</b>	Mar. 26, 27, 29, April 2
<b>Review</b>	April 3, 5