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1. **Course Number:** PHI201
Course Title: Existentialism
2. **Description:** This course provides the student with a comprehensive analysis of the multifaceted view toward life which has come to be known as existentialism. Social, moral, legal, religious, literary, as well as epistemological and metaphysical aspects of the existentialistic point of view are considered.
3. **Student Learning Outcomes** (instructional objectives, intellectual skills):
Upon successful completion of this course, students are able to do the following.
 - Write in a logically coherent manner using outlining techniques and citing sources from primary and secondary materials.
 - Compare and contrast various Philosophical theories.
 - Express in coherent form the various arguments for and against a number of ethical theories.
 - Apply a number of ethical terms and concepts to various ethical theories in the history of the philosophy of existentialism.
 - Compare myriad theories dealing with the components of moral responsibility.
 - Analyze international issues surrounding the study of existentialism by working with and considering ethical theories from France, Germany, the Middle East, England, Scotland, the United States.
 - Compare and contrast a wide range of international ethical theories, applying them, where appropriate, to their own personal lives.
4. **Credits:** Three Credits
5. **Satisfies a General Education Requirement:** Humanities & Fine Arts (or) Behavioral or Social Sciences
6. **Prerequisite:** ENL101 or PHI130
7. **Semester Offered:** Spring
8. **Suggested General Guidelines for Evaluation:** Evaluation of student performance includes written exams, and a comprehensive final written project.
9. **General Topical Outline** (Optional):
 - Existentialism and the Individual
 - Existentialism and Society
 - Existentialism and God
 - Synthesis