Course Objectives

- Acquire a familiarity with the most important ideas of Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger, Sartre, Beauvoir, and Camus.
- Critically engage with these thinkers by analyzing their main claims, translating them into more ordinary language, if necessary, applying the main claims to real life or one’s own life, and giving reasons for agreeing or disagreeing with them.
- Contrast and compare philosophical existentialism with other philosophical traditions which the student is already familiar or with traditions the student will learn in the future.

Learning Outcomes

- Knowledge acquired of a distinctive philosophical tradition and its key figures.
- Exposition, Interpretation, and Criticism of the ideas of specific thinkers.
- Ability to contrast and compare different philosophical traditions.