What is the meaning of life?
Is life meaningful at all?
Maybe life is just... absurd.

That’s what Albert Camus thinks. Technically, he thinks the human experience of living is absurd. Learn more about Camus and absurdity, as well as the philosophy of Simone de Beauvoir and Jean-Paul Sartre, in PHIL 31030 EXISTENTIALISM (Spring 2021).

**Topics include:**
- Oppression
- Rebellion
- Freedom
- Responsibility
- Violence
- Human relations
- HOPE

**Texts include**
- *The Stranger*
- *The Plague*
- Excerpts from *The Ambiguity of Ethics*
- Excerpts from *Being and Nothingness*

*Student participation is expected; dialogue and discussion are prioritized in the class. Assignments will engage contemporary topics and students’ interests, and will be in the form of essays.*

Prerequisite: One course in philosophy. If you have not taken a course in philosophy, contact the professor to waive the prerequisite.