Syllabus
Philosophy 157
Fall, 2014

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Texts: Husserl, “Phenomenology” (on line)
   Heidegger, Being and Time
   Sartre, Being and Nothingness
   Foucault, The Foucault Reader
   Derrida, “Différance” (on line)

Topic: We will cover some of the main trends in “continental” philosophy, including
phenomenology, existentialism, and post-structuralism. Readings will be taken from five major
philosophers of the period: Edmund Husserl (1859-1938), Martin Heidegger (1889-1976), Jean-
Paul Sartre (1905-1980), Michel Foucault (1926-1984), and Jacques Derrida (1930-2004).


Schedule of Readings: May be found under “Assignments” on the Web site.

Final Examination: Friday, December 19, 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Assignments: Students will be expected to keep up with the reading. Read each assignment at
least once before it is discussed in class, then read it again after the class discussion. There will
be two papers of approximately 3 pages, to be assigned around the fourth and eighth weeks of
the quarter. Each will be valued 30% of the grade. An in-class final examination will account
for the other 40%. Papers not turned in on the due date will be penalized one fraction of a grade
for each two working days late. All work must be completed in order for the course to be passed.
A grade of Incomplete will be assigned only if requested in advance by the student.

Courtesy: Unless phone contact is necessary during class, please turn off your phone to avoid
audible notification of calls and texts and to preclude the sending and checking of text messages,
both of which are distracting to the instructor.

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