

COURSE DETAIL

SOREN KIERKEGAARD AND THE CHALLENGE OF EXISTENCE

Country

Denmark

Host Institution

University of Copenhagen

Program(s)

University of Copenhagen

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number

152

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

SOREN KIERKEGAARD AND THE CHALLENGE OF EXISTENCE

UCEAP Transcript Title

KIERKEGAARD

UCEAP Quarter Units

12.00

UCEAP Semester Units

8.00

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the works and philosophy of Soren Kierkegaard, the internationally renowned Danish philosopher, theologian, and writer. Considered as the father of existentialism, Kierkegaard's works revolve around basic human experiences such as aesthetic lust, despair, anxiety, morality, passion, knowledge, absurdity, and faith. In particular, Kierkegaard claimed to present a complete summary of the possible ways in which we can live our lives or exist. The course also analyzes and criticizes these ways thoroughly in order to judge to what extent they may give us a true point of orientation. This course examines his witty, humorous, and deeply earnest exploration of the philosophical psychology of self-identity. It remains especially attentive to how Kierkegaard considers human relationships to be essential to understanding oneself and one's obligations to other human beings. Lectures focus on a discussion of excerpts from Kierkegaard's writings. The course includes a City Walk through old Copenhagen and a guest lecture that explores Kierkegaard's view of love. The course does not presuppose specialized knowledge and is eligible to students of all majors.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

HDCB01142U

Host Institution Course Title

SOREN KIERKEGAARD AND THE CHALLENGE OF EXISTENCE

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Humanities

Host Institution Degree

Bachelor

Host Institution Department

Danish Culture Courses

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