Winter 2023  Inside-Out Course Application

Ger220M/Scan220M:
*Existentialism in Literature and Philosophy*

*Instructor: Jeffrey S. Librett / Winter 2023 / Oregon State Correctional Institution /
Wednesdays 4pm-10pm*

In the modern age, religions, moral codes, and cultural systems come into question. The individual human being finds itself alone and uncertain, in search of value and meaning. Anxiety first becomes an important theme in this period. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, this situation gives rise—especially after World War II—to existentialism, a movement in thought that turns around the felt need and desire to discover new ways of orienting oneself ethically and aesthetically in the world. We read and discuss novels, short stories, and philosophical essays that explore the dissolution of old values, and the possibilities for the creation of new ones. All of these texts focus on radical freedom and radical self-responsibility. We examine central works by German, French and Antillais authors from the late 1800s and the 1900s, including Friedrich Nietzsche, Martin Heidegger, Franz Kafka, Jean-Paul Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir, and Franz Fanon.

**Application Instructions**

Extended Submission deadline: Friday November 18th 5PM SHARP

→ Email completed application to
uoprisoned@uoregon.edu and jlibrett@uoregon.edu

You will be notified of a phone or in-person interview, if selected for one, shortly after the applications are submitted.
Logistics

Last Name:  First Name:
Email:  Phone:
Major(s):  Student ID:
Class Standing:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  Fifth Year +

Short Answers
Please respond to each with no more than a few sentences

[1] How did you hear about Inside Out? / What attracts you to this course?

[2] How does this course fit into your educational goals / life goals as a person?

[3] What do you seek to gain from this experience?

[4] What life experiences - if any - have you had that might prepare you for this course?

[6] What do you feel you could bring to this course?

[7] How do you feel about interacting with others whose life and experiences differ from your own?
Do you have any concerns about taking this class?

Additional Information

Have you previously been involved with Inside Out?

Yes! I have already taken an Inside Out course
Yes! I applied for a spot in a previous Inside Out course
No. This is my first application

If you answered “yes!” to any of the previous questions, please note the following information about the previous inside out course you applied to or took:

Term / Academic Year:  Professor:

Institution:

References Please provide the contact information of two individuals who can speak to your character and academic experience. At least one must be a professor; additional references may come from graduate students, graduate employees, or other faculty.

Reference 1  |  Name:  Email:

Reference 2  |  Name:  Email:

Thank you for your interest and time filling out this application.

We will be in touch with you within a few days of receipt of your application.