

# **HOLDEN VILLAGE**

## **Existentialism**



## **J-Term 2014**

In this course, students will examine some central existentialist themes including authenticity, alienation, and conformity in Washington's beautiful Cascade wilderness at Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat center. Program highlights include:

- A digital detox that will allow students to reflect on the role of technology in their lives.
- A course emphasis on the thought of Kierkegaard, a Lutheran philosopher regarded as the "father of existentialism."
- Holden Village's average winter snowfall: 270 inches.

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## **Credit:**

PHIL 238

- Department Credit
- GenEd Credit (PH)

## **Program Cost:**

# \$1,400

Includes lodging and program related transportation

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## **Course Description:**

What is the meaning of life, particularly in our post-industrial and technology driven era? In this course, we will examine how a specific group of philosophers called existentialists address questions of meaning. Existentialism is a wide-ranging philosophical movement which gained prominence, particularly in France after WWII, but its development can be traced through the work of European post-Enlightenment thinkers and even to Socrates in ancient Greece. Students in this course will explore this philosophical movement by focusing on the themes of authenticity, alienation, and conformity through the careful consideration of work by Kierkegaard, Camus, and Kafka.

## **Application Deadline:**

November 22, 2013. A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 is required with the application. A \$250 non-refundable payment to confirm participation in the course is due within 10 days of notification of acceptance. Maximum 18 students.

