



CAMOSUN COLLEGE
School of Arts & Science
Humanities

Philosophy 110: Logic and Critical Thinking

COURSE OUTLINE - WINTER, 2003

Instructor Information

Instructor: Dr. Justine Noel

Office Hours: Office hours: Mondays, 11:30-12:30 p.m., Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., 1:30-2:30 p.m., Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Location: Fisher 344D

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Intended Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course the student should be able to a) identify structural weaknesses in arguments, b) recognize fallacious reasoning patterns and invalid argument forms, c) detect biases and hidden assumptions in statements, d) present two sides of a case in a fair manner, critically evaluate each side, and then provide philosophical justification for conclusions, and e) construct logical and convincing arguments.

Course Textbook: Thinking Critically About Philosophical Problems, Thomas F. Wall

Course Format: Lectures – Mondays, 12:30-1:20 (Y216) and Wednesdays, 12:30-1:20 (Y216)

Seminars – A: Mon., 2:30-3:20 (Y316)
B: Mon., 1:30-2:20 (Y316)
C: Mon., 3:30-4:20 (Y316)
D: Wed., 9:30-10:20 (P107)
E: Wed., 2:30-3:20 (P107)

READING ASSIGNMENTS

All reading assignments are from the class text.

Week 1: Philosophy and Psychology

January 6 - Introduction to Critical Thinking

January 8 – Part 5, Units 1 and 2

Week 2: Philosophy and Psychology cont.

January 13 – Part 5, Unit 3

January 15 – Part 5, Unit 4

Week 3: Philosophy and Psychology cont.

January 20 - Part 5, Unit 4 cont.

January 22 - Part 5, Unit 5

Week 4: The Nature of Metaphysics

January 27 – Part 4, Units 1-3

January 29 – Part 4, Unit 4

Week 5: Metaphysics cont.

February 3 – Part 4, Unit 5

February 5 – **TEST #1**

Week 6: Reliable Knowledge

February 10 – Part 3, Units 1 and 2

February 12 – Part 3, Unit 3

Week 7: Knowledge cont.

February 17 – Part 3, Unit 4

February 19 – Part 3, Unit 5

Week 8: Religious Beliefs

February 24 – Part 2, Unit 4

February 26 – Part 2, Unit 5

Week 9: Right and Wrong, Good and Evil

March 3 – Part 6, Unit 3

March 5 – Part 6 Unit 4

Week 10: Right and Wrong cont.

March 10 – Part 6, Unit 5

March 12 – **TEST #2**

Week 11: The Individual and the State

March 17 – Part 7, Units 1 and 2

March 19 – Part 7, Unit 3

Week 12: The Individual and the State, cont.

March 24 – Part 7, Unit 4

March 26 – Part 7, Unit 5

Week 13: Worldviews

March 31 – Part 8, Unit 1

April 2 – Part 8, Unit 2

Week 14: Worldviews, cont.

April 7 – Part 8, Unit 2, cont.

April 9 - **TEST #3**

Basis of Student Assessment:

3 Tests: 90% (30% each)
Seminar Participation: 10%

Policy on missed tests:

Make-up tests are permitted only in cases of illness or personal crisis. A make-up test will not be scheduled until documentation is provided (i.e. a doctor's note).

Grading Scale:

A+.....95% and above	A.....90%-94%	A-.....85%-89%	
B+.....80%-84%	B.....75%-79%	B-.....70%-74%	
C+.....65%-69%	C.....60%-64%	D.....50%-59%	F.....<50

Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course**LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS**

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College Calendar, Registrar's Office or the College web site at
<http://www.camosun.bc.ca>

ACADEMIC CONDUCT POLICY

There is an Academic Conduct Policy. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, Registration, and on the College web site in the Policy Section.
www.camosun.bc.ca/divisions/pres/policy/2-education/2-5.html