



**CAMOSUN COLLEGE**  
**School of Arts & Science**  
*Humanities*

**Philosophy 110: Logic and Critical Thinking**

**COURSE OUTLINE - WINTER, 2003**

**Instructor Information**

Instructor: Professor Megan Shelstad

Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Location: Ewing 250

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**Intended Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of the course, students 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 justification for conclusions, and e) construct logical and convincing arguments.

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

**Course Format:** Lectures – Mondays, 3:30-4:20 (Young 316)

-- Wednesdays, 3:30-4:20 (Young 227)

Seminars – (A): Mon., 4:30-5:20 (Young 316)

(B): Wed., 4:30-5:20 (Young 227)

## **READING ASSIGNMENTS**

**All reading assignments are from the class text.**

### **Week 1: Philosophy and Psychology**

January 6 - Introduction to Critical Thinking - 1-17

January 8 – Part 5, Units 1 (Basic beliefs) and 2 (the problem) - 272-287

### **Week 2: Philosophy and Psychology cont.**

January 13 – Part 5, Unit 3 (Facts and assumptions) - 288-298

January 15 – Part 5, Unit 4 (Arguments) - 298-333

### **Week 3: Philosophy and Psychology cont.**

January 20 - Part 5, Unit 4 cont.

January 22 - Part 5, Unit 5 (Evaluation) – 334-342

### **Week 4: The Nature of Metaphysics**

January 27 – Part 4, Units 1-3 (Basic beliefs, the problem, facts and assumptions) – 212-226

January 29 – Part 4, Unit 4 (Arguments) – 227-258

### **Week 5: Metaphysics cont.**

February 3 – Part 4, Unit 5 (Evaluation) – 259-268

February 5 – **TEST #1**

### **Week 6: Reliable Knowledge**

February 10 – Part 3, Units 1 and 2 (Basic beliefs, the problem) – 120-136

February 12 – Part 3, Unit 3 (Facts and assumptions) – 137-145

### **Week 7: Knowledge cont.**

February 17 – Part 3, Unit 4 (Arguments) – 146-202

February 19 – Part 3, Unit 5 (Evaluation) – 203-209

### **Week 8: Religious Beliefs**

February 24 – Part 2, Unit 4 (Arguments) – 71-109

February 26 – Part 2, Unit 5 (Evaluation) – 110-117

### **Week 9: Right and Wrong, Good and Evil**

March 3 – Part 6, Unit 3 (Facts and assumptions) – 380-392

March 5 – Part 6, Unit 4 (Arguments) – 393-408

### **Week 10: Right and Wrong cont.**

March 10 – Part 6, Unit 5 (Evaluation) – 409-425

March 12 – **TEST #2**

### **Week 11: The Individual and the State**

March 17 – Part 7, Units 1 and 2 (Basic beliefs, the problem) – 428-458

March 19 – Part 7, Unit 3 (Facts and assumptions) – 459-467

### **Week 12: The Individual and the State, cont.**

March 24 – Part 7, Unit 4 (Arguments) – 468-493

March 26 – Part 7, Unit 5 (Evaluation) – 494-501

### **Week 13: Worldviews**

March 31 – Part 8, Unit 1 – 504-517

April 2 – Part 8, Unit 2 – 518- 526

### **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](http://www.camosun.bc.ca/divisions/pres/policy/2-education/2-5.html)

