

CAMOSUN COLLEGE
School of Arts & Science
Humanities

Philosophy 110: Logic and Critical Thinking

COURSE OUTLINE - WINTER, 2004

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Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 am – 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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, 1:00-1:50 (Y216) and Wednesdays, 1:00-1:50 (Y216)

Seminars – A: Mon., 3:00-3:50 (F210)
 B: Mon., 2:00-2:50 (F210)
 C: Wed., 2:00-2:50 (F214)
 D: Wed., 10:00-10:50 (Y325)
 E: Wed., 3:00-3:50 (F214)

READING ASSIGNMENTS

All reading assignments are from the class text.

Week 1: What is Philosophy?

January 5 - Introduction to Critical Thinking

January 7 – Intro. Chapter pp. 2-17

Week 2: Knowledge

January 12 – Part 3, Units 1 and 2

January 14 – Part 3, Units 3 and 4

Week 3: Knowledge

January 19 - Part 3, Unit 4 cont.

January 21- Part 3, Unit 5

Week 4: The Nature of Metaphysics

January 26 – Part 4, Units 1-3

January 28 – Part 4, Unit 4

Week 5: Metaphysics cont.

February 2 – Part 4, Unit 5

February 4 – **TEST #1**

Week 6: Mind

February 9 – Part 5, Units 1 and 2

February 11 – Part 5, Unit 3

Week 7: Mind

February 16 – Part 5, Unit 4

February 18 – Part 5, Unit 5

Week 8: Right and Wrong

February 23 – Part 6, Unit 1

February 25 – Part 6, Unit 2

Week 9: Right and Wrong

March 1 – Part 6, Unit 3

March 3 – Part 6 Unit 4

Week 10: Right and Wrong cont.

March 8 – Part 6, Unit 5

March 10– **TEST #2**

Week 11: The Individual and the State

March 15 – Part 7, Units 1 and 2

March 17 – Part 7, Unit 3

Week 12: The Individual and the State, cont.

March 22 – Part 7, Unit 4

March 24 – Part 7, Unit 5

Week 13: Worldviews

March 29 – Part 8, Unit 1

March 31 – Part 8, Unit 2

Week 14: Worldviews, cont.

April 5 – Part 8, Unit 2, cont.

April 7 - review for final TEST #3

Basis of Student Assessment:

3 Tests: 90% (30% each) – note: Test #3 will take place during the final exam period
Seminar Participation: 10% - based on participation in group discussion and in-class assignments

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**

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www.camosun.bc.ca/divisions/pres/policy/2-education/2-5.html

