

CAMOSUN COLLEGE
School of Arts & Science
Humanities

Philosophy 110: Logic and Critical Thinking

COURSE OUTLINE - FALL, 2004

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Office Hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 1:30-2:30 pm, and Wed. 10:30-11:30 am.

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. The student should also be able to demonstrate how critical thinking skills are applied to ethical issues in policing and corrections.

Course Textbook: The Principles of Ethical Reasoning: Ethics and Policing in a Civil Society, Bruce Bjorkquist

Course Format: Lectures – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30-3:20 pm., Fisher 214

Seminars – A: Tuesdays, 3:30-4:20 pm, Fisher 214

B: Thursdays, 3:30-4:20 pm, Fisher 214

Important Dates: Sept. 30, TEST #1
Oct. 26, TEST #2
Dec. final exam period, TEST #3, date tba

READING ASSIGNMENTS

All reading assignments are from the class text.

Week 1: The Role of Ethics in a Civil Society

Sept. 7: Introduction

Sept. 9: pages 1-17

Week 2: Thinking Critically About Ethical Issues

Sept. 14 – 20-27

Sept. 16 – 27-28

Week 3: Basic Principles of Ethical Reasoning

Sept. 21 – 30-32

Sept. 23 – 33-38

Week 4: Prescriptive Ethics

Sept. 28 – 44-53

Sept. 30 – TEST #1

Week 5: Prescriptive Ethics cont.

Oct. 5 – 55-60

Oct. 7 – 76-85

Week 6: Basic Ethical Concepts

Oct. 12 – 91-97

Oct. 14 - 100-107

Week 7: Preventing Harm and Doing Good

Oct. 19 - 112-116

Oct. 21 – 123-125

Week 8: Impartiality

Oct.26 – TEST #2

Oct. 28 – 135-143

Week 9: Fair Treatment

Nov. 2 – 158-164

Nov.4 – 165-170

Week 10: Punishment

Nov. 9 – 171-178

Nov. 11 – No Class (Remembrance Day)

Week 11: Truth and Honesty

Nov. 16 – 182-188

Nov. 18 – 189-194

Week 12: Truth and Honesty cont.

Nov. 23 – 194-200

Nov. 25 – Video: **What is Truth?**

Week 13: Sexual Freedom, Pornography and Erotica

Nov. 30 – 206-214

Dec.2 – 215-219

Week 14: Prostitution

Dec. 7 – 220-222

Dec. 9 - no reading assignment

Seminar: Review for final TEST #3

Basis of Student Assessment:

Two in-class tests: 40% (20% each)
Final exam: 30%
10 Written homework assignments: 20% (2% each)
Participation in seminars: 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

