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|  | <p>School of Arts & Science HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT PHIL 110 Logic and Critical Thinking M&W 2:30-3:20 plus MvW 3:30-4:20 Winter 2012</p> |
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COURSE OUTLINE

1. Instructor Information

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| (a) | Instructor: | Dr. Craig Derksen | | |
| (b) | Office Hours: | 4:20-5:20 | | |
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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Assess the strengths and weaknesses of arguments effectively.
2. Write and reason with clarity and precision.
3. Detect bias and fallacious reasoning in arguments.
4. Apply basic logical principles to the evaluation of evidence and the conducting of inquiry.

3. Required Materials

There are no required texts. There will be online readings. This course will make use of Desire 2 Learn, for communication and assignments.

4. Course Content and Schedule

See *Schedule below*

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

One take home assignment worth 30%
 One test worth 30%
 One paper worth 40%

6. Grading System

(No changes are to be made to this section unless the Approved Course Description has been forwarded through the Education Council of Camosun College for approval.)

Standard Grading System (GPA)

| Percentage | Grade | Description | Grade Point Equivalency |
|------------|-------|---|-------------------------|
| 90-100 | A+ | | 9 |
| 85-89 | A | | 8 |
| 80-84 | A- | | 7 |
| 77-79 | B+ | | 6 |
| 73-76 | B | | 5 |
| 70-72 | B- | | 4 |
| 65-69 | C+ | | 3 |
| 60-64 | C | | 2 |
| 50-59 | D | Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite. | 1 |
| 0-49 | F | Minimum level has not been achieved. | 0 |

Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy E-1.5 at camosun.ca for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

| Temporary Grade | Description |
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| I | <i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family. |
| IP | <i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. (For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3 rd course attempt or at the point of course completion.) |
| CW | <i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement. |

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, at Student Services, or the College web site at camosun.ca.

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services, and the College web site in the Policy Section.

Schedule

Jan 9 Introduction / Why study something I already know?/ Causation and Evaluation / Basic Terminology
 11 Some basics of Arguments and Language
 16 Some more about Language and how we use it
 18 Evaluating Reasoning based on Goals
 23 Reasoning
 25 How the World uses Language
 30 Doing what we want with Language
 Feb 1 General Patterns
 6 Causation
 8 Fallacies
 13 Fallacies
 15 Formal Logic (First Take Home Due)
 20 Formal Logic
 22 Formal Logic
 27 Formal Logic
 29 Venn Diagrams
 March 5 Venn Diagrams
 7 Test
 12 Appropriate Complexity
 14 Bias / Personal Experience
 19 Authority
 21 Conflict
 26 Protecting from Errors
 28 Writing
 April 2 Writing
 4 Writing
 9 No Class
 11 Recap (paper due)