

School of Arts & Science HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT PHIL 110-002

Logic and Critical Thinking

Fall 2014

COURSE OUTLINE

The course description is online @ http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/phil.html

Ω Please note: the College electronically stores this outline for five (5) years only. It is strongly recommended you keep a copy of this outline with your academic records. You will need this outline for any future application/s for transfer credit/s to other colleges/universities.

1. Instructor Information

(a)	Instructor:	Sandy Bannikoff	
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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

Coursepack, available at Lansdowne bookstore, "Phil 110, Sandy Bannikoff"

4. Course Content and Schedule

Note: Attendance in this class is mandatory because the majority of the course material will be provided in class.

Note: This schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor.

The Dates of Each Week Fall 2014

Week One: September 2 to 6
Week Two: September 8 to 12
Week Three: September 15 to 19
Week Four: September 22 to 26
Week Five: Sept 29 to October 3
Week Six: October 6 to October 10
Week Seven: October 13 to 17
Week Eight: October 20 to 24
Week Nine: October 27 to 31
Week Ten: November 3 to 7
Week Eleven: November 10 to 14
Week Twelve: November 17 to 21
Week Thirteen: November 24 to 28
Week Fourteen: December 1 to 5

Week 1 Statements

Week 2 Arguments

<u>Weeks 3</u> Logical Assessment & Russell on the problem of induction

Week 4 Practice

Week 5 First Class: Test One

Second Class: Aristotle

Week 6 Set Theory Notation

Week 7 Practice

Week 8 Venn Diagrams

Week 9 Practice

Week 10 First Class: Test Two

Second Class: Fallacies & Russell on philosophy's value

Week 11 3.2 Fallacies of Relevance

Week 12 3.3 Fallacies of Weak Induction

Week 13 3.4 Fallacies of Presumption

Week 14 Practice

Test Three will be scheduled by the College during the final exam period. Find out when the exam is scheduled before making plans for the year end break.

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

1.	Basics Test	25%
2.	Aristotle & Set Theory	25%
3.	Fallacies	25%
4.	Seminar	25%

Exam Policy

Each exam is mandatory. Contact me as soon as you are aware that you either will miss an exam or have missed an exam. My phone number and e-mail are on the first page of this outline. Make-ups will be permitted only in cases of confirmed illness or crisis. In the case of a personal crisis, students will be referred to the Camosun Counseling services.

6. Grading System

Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalenc
			У
90-100	A+		9
85-89	Α		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	В		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	С		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
I	Incomplete: 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	In progress: 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	Compulsory Withdrawal: 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 upsafe to self or others and must be removed from
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	the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

7. 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, 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.

<u>Communication:</u> Students are welcome to e-mail me anytime. However, please know that all of your correspondence with me is professional and not personal. This means that your messages must be (basically) grammatically correct and without the shorthand that is common online and in texting.