Philosophy 110 Introduction to Logic

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MW: 08:30 – 09:45 (64425)

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Windward Community College Mission Statement

Windward Community College offers innovative programs in the arts and sciences and opportunities to gain knowledge and understanding of Hawai‘i and its unique heritage. With a special commitment to support the access and educational needs of Native Hawaiians, we provide O‘ahu’s Ko‘olau region and beyond with liberal arts, career and lifelong learning in a supportive and challenging environment — inspiring students to excellence.

CATALOGUE DESCRIPTION:

A study of the foundations and development of rational thought and communication and their applications. Includes analysis of deductive reasoning, formal and informal fallacies, and the use of symbolic systems. WCC: FS

ACTIVITIES REQUIRED AT OTHER THAN REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASS TIMES:

Study Sessions: Highly recommended.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At the completion of this course, you should be able to:

1. Recognize fallacies of relevance, presumption, and ambiguity.
2. Employ rules of logic in deductive analysis.
3. Construct truth tables for deductive analysis.
4. Use symbolic systems for deductive analysis.
COURSE CONTENT:

Concepts or Topics

- Basic Logical Concepts
  Arguments, Premises, Conclusions
  Deductive and Inductive Arguments
  Validity and Truth

- Analyzing Arguments
  Paraphrasing and Diagramming
  Arguments
  Recognizing Arguments
  Arguments and Explanations

- Fallacies
  Fallacies of Relevance
  Fallacies of Presumption
  Fallacies of Ambiguity

- Symbolic Logic
  Modern Logic and Its Symbolic Language
  The Symbols for Conjunction, Negation, and Disjunction
  Conditional Statements and Material Implication
  Testing Argument Validity on Truth Tables
  Statement Forms and Material Equivalence

- Methods of Deduction
  Formal Proof of Validity
  The Rules of Inference
  The Rules of Replacement
  Proof of Invalidity

Skills

1. Recognize premises and conclusions.
2. Differentiate inductive from deductive arguments.
3. Recognize invalid deductive arguments.
4. Paraphrase and diagram single arguments.
5. Recognize an argument.
6. Identify and explain fallacies of relevance, presumption, and ambiguity.
7. Construct your own examples of fallacies of relevance, presumption, and ambiguity.
8. Symbolize propositions and arguments.
9. Use truth tables to determine the validity of arguments.
10. Use truth tables to characterize statement forms as tautologous, self contradictory, or contingent.
11. Construct formal proofs of validity (by using the rules of inference and the rules of replacement).
12. Prove invalidity (by the method of assigning truth values).
COURSE TASKS:

1. Complete all in-class objective quizzes. (These quizzes will require students to recognize and identify fallacies, recognize language functions, symbolize statements and arguments, diagram single arguments, construct truth tables, construct formal proofs of validity, prove invalidity.)

2. Complete all assigned homework from the text, The Worksheet covering chapters 1, 3, 6, 8, 9. (These assignments will test the same skills as those tested in quizzes.) See comment on assigned homework in OTHER INFORMATION.

3. Complete three (3) in-class exams. (The material in this course will be presented in 3 units. An exam will be given upon completion of a unit of study.)

MODE OF INSTRUCTION:

Because of the nature of the subject, regular class attendance is essential. Instruction will consist of lectures and problem solving.

METHOD OF GRADING:

1. Letter grades will be assigned based on the number of points accumulated for the course.
   
   A: 450 - 500
   B: 399 - 449
   C: 348 - 398
   D: 297 - 347
   F: 246 - 296
   W: Formal withdrawal from the course.
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METHOD OF GRADING:

2. Weight of tasks:

   Homework (or quizzes)  200  = (10 x 20)
   Exams                      300  = (03 x 100)
                                  500

LEARNING RESOURCES AND MATERIALS:

Required:  Copi, I.M. and Carl Cohen;  Introduction to Logic  
           MacMillan (custom ed.)

           Loo, R.J.K.  The Worksheet (2nd ed.)

OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Office hours:
   to be announced in class.

2. Class attendance:
   Regular attendance is expected of all students. Students who are absent
   often rarely do well in the course. Students who stop attending this class
   and who do not formally withdraw from the course will receive a failing
   grade.

3. Class preparation:
   Students are expected to prepare for each class. This means that students
   should complete reading and/or writing assignments prior to class.

4. Study sessions:
   Study sessions will be offered during the semester to reinforce
   concepts/principles presented in class. A total of five (5) points can be
   earned by attending 10 study sessions.

5. Assigned homework:
   Assigned homework will consist of completion of only the following exercises
   from The Worksheet:  1.2, 1.6, 3.2 (P1), 3.3, 8.3 or 8.4, 8.5,
   9.1 (P1), 9.1 (P3), 9.2 (P2) or (P3), 9.3. Late homework will be
   penalized two (2) points per week.
OTHER INFORMATION:

6. Learning assistance:
   Because of the nature of the subject matter, students are advised to seek
   learning assistance from the instructor as soon as they encounter difficulty
   with reading an/or writing assignments.

7. Absences:
   If you are absent, borrow a classmate’s notes and copy those for the day
   you were absent. Students who miss scheduled exams due to unexcused
   absences will be penalized five (5) points per week for late exams.

8. Cell phones:
   Please set your cell phone to “silent” so that the class can focus on the
   lesson of the day.

DISABILITIES ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT

If you have a physical, sensory, health, cognitive, or mental health disability
that could limit your ability to fully participate in this class, you are
encouraged to contact the Disability Specialist Counselor to discuss
reasonable accommodations that will help you succeed in this class. Ann
Lemke can be reached at 235-7448, lemke@hawaii.edu, or you may stop by
Hale 'Akoakoa 213 for more information.
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Overview

UNIT 1: What Is Logic?
Arguments, Premises, and Conclusions
Deduction and Induction
Paraphrasing and Diagramming Arguments
Recognizing Arguments
Arguments and Explanations

What Is A Fallacy?
Fallacies of Relevance
Fallacies of Presumption
Fallacies of Ambiguity
Exam #1: Feb. 06 (M)

UNIT 2: Symbolic Logic
Symbolic Language
Conjunction, Negation, Disjunction
Material Implication
Argument Forms and Arguments
Material Equivalence
Exam #2: Mar. 08 (W)

UNIT 3: The Method Of Deduction
Formal Proof of Validity
The Rule of Replacement
Proof of Invalidity
Exam #3: May 10 (W) 08:30 - 10:30 a.m.

*LAST DAY to submit course work for credit May 03 (W) 12:45 p.m.