Phil 101:03 Logic, Reasoning and Persuasion
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Course Description:
A study of the logical structure of argumentation in ordinary language, with an emphasis on the relation of logic to practical affairs. Traditional informal fallacies will be studied as well. Discussions explore the nature of validity, truth, meaning, and evidence in relation to the evaluation of arguments.


Undergraduate Learning Outcomes
As a result of fully participating in this class, students will be able to:

- Distinguish arguments from non-arguments
- Identify premises and conclusion of arguments
- Recognize differences between deductive and inductive arguments
- Recognize differences between Valid and Invalid arguments
- Recognize differences between Sound and Unsound arguments
- Recognize differences between Cogent and Uncogent arguments
- Be adept at spotting Informal Fallacies

Expectations for All Students
1) Commit to attending each class session;
2) Be prepared to engage positively in class & actively listen during lecture;
3) Be respectful of perspectives offered by classmates and professor;
4) Complete weekly assignments.

Schedule of Topics and Readings
The class is (roughly speaking) composed of a series of lectures that work through chapters 1-10 of our text in the given order. Detailed schedule of the readings and corresponding homework will be posted on Sakai shortly.
Assessment

30 %: Weekly answers to problem sets, due on Sakai by 5pm Monday evening.
25 %: Midterm test, March
35 %: Final test, May
10 %: Participation, attention, and attitude: see “student expectations”, above.

Late Submission Policy

Late submissions of weekly homework will not be accepted, period. Late submissions of papers carry letter grade penalties.

Attendance Policy

Attendance is mandatory. You may miss a total of two classes (excuse or unexcused). After that, regardless of the reason, your final grade will be affected.

Homework Problem Sets

12 Weekly Homework Sets: The assigned problem sets are located on Sakai, in the assignments folder. **UPLOAD your answers to Sakai the day before class by 5pm** (Monday evening). Late HW not accepted, period.

Disability Accommodation

Rutgers University welcomes students with disabilities into all of the University’s educational programs. In order to receive consideration for reasonable accommodations, a student with a disability must contact the appropriate disability services office at the campus where you are officially enrolled, participate in an intake interview, and provide documentation: [https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/documentation-guidelines](https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/documentation-guidelines).