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Overview: Formal and informal reasoning, common fallacies, definitions and language functions. Practical criticism and development of everyday arguments.


Requirements:

(a) **Quizzes.** You will have five quizzes throughout the semester, each worth 40 points (for a total of 200 points). Quizzes will be held in class – please find the dates in D2L’s Calendar section. Each quiz may be some combination of T/F, multiple choice, matching, essay, short answer, etc.

(b) **Final Exam.** At the end of the semester, you will have a comprehensive final exam that is worth 200 points. However, it will be a take home exam, given out during Pre-Finals Week and due in the D2L Dropbox no later than noon on Monday, May 6th. The exam will be a combination of T/F, multiple choice, matching, essay, short answer, etc.

(c) **Homework.** Every week, you will have homework assignments to complete. Some of these will be done in class. You will turn in your homework twice in the semester: first, on Monday, March 11th and then on Wednesday, May 1st. Each homework set is worth 100 points (for a total of 200 points). Homework is collected in class, so if you think you will be unable to attend class the day the homework is due, you will need to make arrangements with your TA prior to the due date. You are responsible for keeping your homework until it is time to turn it in.

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*Grading Scale: A = 600-540 B = 539-480 C = 479-420 D = 419-360 F = Below 360*

**NOTE:** To calculate your grade at any given time in the semester, simply add up the points you have earned and divide that total by the total number of points offered at the time of your calculation. For example, if you have earned 42 out of 50 points, you would divide 42 by 50 and get .84 (which is 84 percent or a ‘B’). Since all grades will be posted on D2L, you can do this...
calculation whenever you like.

**Policies:**

**Email:** When you email either Mr. Marks or myself, it is **required** that you put your section number *or* meeting time in the subject line. In other words, we need it to be clear to us **exactly** in which class you are enrolled (we have more than one Logic class this semester). Failure to do so will hurt your chances of getting a response. Also, please consult this syllabus before you contact us with questions, most of your questions should be answered in here.

**Attendance:** If you are going to miss a class, you do **not** need to email us to let us know. Missing class will not directly affect your grade. However, class attendance is essential to understanding the material, and the students who do not attend my class diligently do rather poorly. If you miss class, you are welcome to come talk to Trevor or myself during our office hours about what you missed, or seek out a fellow classmate for notes – we are happy to help! But please do not email us asking “what you missed” or if you “missed anything important”; it’s not practical to summarize an entire lecture in an email. If you are going to miss a class, you do not need to let me know in advance.

**Electronic Devices:** Using laptops and cellphones in my classes is **not** allowed. The only exception to this is documentation from the Student Disability Services Office showing a particular student’s need to use a laptop in class.

**Late Work/Missed Exams:** We **neither** accept late assignments, nor allow for make-up quizzes. We will work with anyone who has a genuine, school-sanctioned emergency, however, though some official form of documentation will be required.

**Extra Credit:** I do not offer extra credit.

**Class Conduct:** Philosophy is best done through civil discussion. Each student will be expected to treat one another with respect and tolerance. I will not abide rude and disrespectful behavior.

**Students with Physical or Learning Disabilities:** If you need special accommodations the University will try to make appropriate arrangements. These arrangements will need to be made ahead of time through the Student Disability Services Office, 315 Student Union (phone: 744-7116)

**Academic Integrity:** All written assignments will be electronically checked for plagiarism. If I discover academic dishonesty of any kind, I will seek the appropriate punishment. The University has a syllabus attachment available online that provides information about the official academic integrity policy, important deadlines, and University resources:

http://osu.okstate.edu/acadaffr/aa/PDF%20Files/SYLATFA.pdf

**Please Note:** (1) I reserve the right to make changes to the syllabus. If any major changes to the syllabus are made they will be announced in class and on D2L.