

PHIL 1030: Introduction to Logic

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Course Materials:

There is no book to purchase for this course. We will be using a text entitled *Shantila's Inside Logic*. Chapters of this text will be available on Blackboard in .pdf format.

Course Structure:

This class meets two times a week for a total of 29 meetings. Most every class, we will cover new material; the goal is to complete one or two chapters of our text each time we meet. In addition to written explanations of the logic, these chapters include homework problems. Answers to these problems will be posted on Blackboard by the morning of the following class. It is recommended that you complete the homework and check your answers before class, so that you can be ready with any questions. At the start of the following class, you will complete a short (usually one or two question) quiz on the material covered in the homework. After the quiz, I will cover any questions or concerns about previous material before moving on to the chapter(s) for that day.

Assignments:

Homework will be assigned during almost every class. Homework is not graded, but it is imperative that you complete it. I cannot stress this enough: **For some of you, this work will come easy at first, and you may be tempted to put off or stop doing the homework. This is not a good idea; the material in this course gets more difficult as time goes on, and you will find that practice is absolutely the best way to improve your skills.**

Quizzes will be given at the start of almost every class. There will be no quiz on the first two days of class and no quizzes on review or exam days; so there will be a total of 19 quizzes. The quizzes will be graded using a check-plus, check, check-minus system. A check-plus is worth 1.5 points; a check is worth 1 point, and a check-minus is worth 0.5 points. Missed quizzes receive no credit. Your best 16 quizzes will be counted towards your final grade, so you can lose credit on up to three without it affecting you.

Exams will be given at four times during the semester, including the final. Exam dates are listed on the Course Calendar, but are subject to change.

Grading:

Your grade will be out of a total of 100 (there are actually 99 here, but everyone starts with one point):

- 24 points for quizzes (16 quizzes x 1.5 points per quiz)
- 50 points for the first three exams (2 exams x 15 points per exam, 1 exam x 20 points)
- 25 points for the final exam

Academic Dishonesty:

It is my hope that this section of the syllabus is merely a formality. Please do not plagiarize. In all but the most extremely exceptional cases, students found presenting others' work as their own will fail this course. The school's official policies on the matter can be found here:

http://www.bgsu.edu/catalog/Acad_policies/Acad_policies2.html.