

COURSE OUTLINE
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DEPARTMENT: Academic Programs
CURRICULUM: Visual, Literary and Performing Arts
COURSE TITLE: Practical Reasoning and Decision Making
COURSE NUMBER: PHIL 118
TYPE OF COURSE: Academic Transfer
Special Requirement Met: None
AREA(S) OF KNOWLEDGE: Language and Speech
COURSE LENGTH: 1 quarter
CREDIT HOURS: 5
LECTURE HOURS: 55
LAB HOURS: 0
CLASS SIZE: 35
PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A non-symbolic approach to logic and critical thinking. Emphasis on analyzing and evaluating real life examples of reasoning.

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STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES ADDRESSED:

1. Communication – Read and listen actively to learn and communicate. Speak and write effectively for personal, academic and career purposes.
2. Critical Thinking and Problem Solving – Think critically in evaluating information, solving problems and making decisions.

GENERAL COURSE OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the course the student will be able:

1. To develop the ability to think and write logically
2. To learn to critically evaluate and reasoning of others
3. To apply logic to practical decision-making

TOPICAL OUTLINE:

- I. Types of Reasoning
- II. Fallacious Reasoning
- III. The Nature of Language
- IV. Analyzing and Constructing Arguments
- V. Practical Application of Reasoning

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SLO #	Included in Course Objective Number	SSCC Student Learning Outcomes
SLO 1.1	1,2,3	Communication - Read and listen actively
SLO 1.2	1,2,3	Communication - Speak and write effectively
SLO 2.1		Computation - Use mathematical operations
SLO 2.2		Computation - Apply quantitative skills
SLO 2.3		Computation - Identify, interpret, and utilize higher level mathematical and cognitive skills
SLO 3.1		Human Relations - Use social interactive skills to work in groups effectively
SLO 3.2		Human Relations - Recognize the diversity of cultural influences and values
SLO 4.1	1,2,3	Critical Thinking and Problem Solving -
SLO 5.1		Technology - Select and use appropriate technological tools
SLO 6.1		Personal Responsibility - Be motivated and able to continue learning and adapt to change
SLO 6.2		Personal Responsibility - Value one's own skills, abilities, ideas and art
SLO 6.3		Personal Responsibility - Take pride in one's work
SLO 6.4		Personal Responsibility - Manage personal health and safety
SLO 6.5		Personal Responsibility - Be aware of civic and environmental issues
SLO 7.1	1,2,3	Information Literacy - Access and evaluate information
SLO 7.2	1,2,3	Information Literacy - Use information to achieve personal, academic, and career goals, as well as to participate in a democratic society

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