PHILOSOPHY 201: Critical Thinking MTWThF 10:30am 12:20 pm May 8th June 7th HSD A240 Course Outline

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Drop-In Hours:	Weekdays from 1 - 3pm, CLE B315, see attached schedule
Text:	The Power of Critical Thinking 3 rd or 4 th Can. Ed. By Vaughn and MacDonald

Course Objectives:

Arguments serve as a way to persuade others that something is true. Arguments allow us to increase our knowledge of the world in the absence of direct observation. We see arguments every day: in the newspaper, in advertising, in lectures, in common conversation. Argumentation plays such a large role in our lives that we would be remiss if we did not take the time to learn how to evaluate them effectively. In this class we will investigate various techniques that can be applied to determine the worth of arguments. There is a treatment of elementary principles of deductive and inductive logic as well as informal fallacies. An understanding of the basics of logic will help the student write better essays, read more efficiently and think critically. This course will also be of benefit to anyone who plans to write the LSAT or GRE exam.

Grading:

Best 10 of 15 homework assignments @2.5% each	=	25%
5 Tests @ 15% each	=	75%
(May 12 th , May 17 th , May 24 th , May 31 st , June 6 ^t	th)	

The final grade will be recorded as a percentage.

There will be no make-up tests given during the semester. If you miss a test, and

advisor) then email me as soon as possible. You will have an opportunity to make up the missed material at the end of term.

Other Information

For N grades and DEF status, please see Calendar.

Syllabus:

May 8 th	Chp 1 Arguments, Premises, and Conclusions, Chp 3 Deduction, Induction, Validity and Sound	ness
9 th	Implicit Premises, Argument Patterns Diagramming Arguments	Assg 1 Due 4pm
10 th 11th	Review/ Chp 5 Fallacies of Irrelevant Premises	Assg 2 Due 4pm
		Assy 5 Duc 12pm
12 th	IESI#1 (covers Chps 1 and 3)	
15 th 16 th	Fallacies of Unacceptable Premises/Review Chp 7	Assg 4 Due 4pm

Drop-In Schedule CLE B315

May 8 th	No Drop-In
9 th	1 3pm
10 th	1 3pm
11 th	12:30 - 3pm
12 th	2 3pm
15 th	1- 3pm
16 th	12:30 2:30pm
17 th	2 3pm
18 th	1 3pm
19 th	2 - 3pm
22 nd	No Drop-In
23 rd	12:30 2:30pm
24 th	2 3pm
25 th	1 3pm
26 th	2 3pm
29 th	1 3pm
30 th	12:30 2:30pm
31 st	2 3pm
June 1st	1 3pm
2 nd	2 3pm
5 th	12:30 3pm
6 th	No Drop-In