

PHIL 106-02 LOGIC

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COLLEGE HALL

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Course description

Logic is the branch of philosophy that studies the structure of arguments. In this course we will consider what makes an argument valid, sound, consistent, and relevant, and learn how arguments go bad. We will also examine formal rules of inference and learn to identify informal fallacies. By the end of this course, you will have a better understanding of what distinguishes a good argument from a junky one, and be better able to formulate good arguments of your own.

Course objectives

Students will learn to:

- Distinguish valid arguments from invalid arguments.
- Identify informal errors in everyday arguments.
- Identify different argumentative structures.
- Create arguments using different argumentative structures.

Required text

Hurley, Patrick J. *A Concise Introduction to Logic*. 13th edition. Stamford, CT: Cengage Learning, 2014.