

## PHILOSOPHY 100

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Course Description: Philosophy 100 is intended to introduce students to the study of reasoning and argumentation for the purposes of critical thinking. The course employs a set of standard philosophical methods that have application to both academic and non-academic forms of reasoning. Using these methods will allow students an opportunity to improve their critical thinking skills. By the completion of the course, students will have been exposed to techniques vital for the proper analysis and evaluation of arguments.

Textbook: Good Reasons for Better Arguments

Bickenbach & Davies (Broadview, 1997) (Required)

Assignments: Students will be asked to prepare 3 assignments. The assignments are worth 25% each. There is a final exam worth 25%.

Note: The instructor reserves the right to refuse assignments not handed in on time. If you do not think that you will be able to complete work by the assigned date, please make an effort to contact me in advance.

### SYLLABUS

(All readings are from Good Reasons for Better Arguments)

1. September 5th Course Introduction.
2. September 12th Communicative Rationality - Chapter 1
3. September 19th Communicative Rationality (continued) – Chapter 1
4. September 26th Introduction to Arguments - Chapter 2
5. October 3rd Arguments (continued) – Chapter 2
6. October 10th Arguments and Language – Chapter 3
7. October 17th Arguments and Language (continued) – Chapter 3
8. October 24th Argument Evaluation – Chapter 4
9. October 31st Argument Evaluation (continued) – Chapter 4
10. November 7th Argument Evaluation (continued) - Chapter 4
11. November 14th Fallacies – Chapter 5
12. November 21st Fallacies (continued) – Chapter 5
13. November 28th - Deductive and Inductive Logic – Chapter 6.1 – 6.3, 6.8 –6.9  
Chapter 7.1 - 7.3 & 8.4