

Reasoning
PHIL 100 – AB2
Summer 2010

Room ABA 305 M 11:30 – 2:20 pm

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Required Text: Lewis Vaughn & Chris MacDonald, The Power of Critical Thinking, 2nd Canadian edition, Oxford University Press.

Course Description: We will learn about arguments: how to recognize one, how to know if it's a "good" one, how to identify (and avoid) common fallacies (mistakes) in argumentation, and how to construct rationally persuasive arguments.

Testing and Grading: Four tests, 20% each. Two quizzes, 10% each.

It is your responsibility to come to class at the scheduled time to take each of the tests and each of the quizzes.

Attendance: Attendance will not count toward your grade. However, I strongly urge you to come to class. We will cover material not explicit in the text. Also, you are responsible for all tests and quizzes.

Assignments: Exercises will be assigned (but not graded) on a regular basis, as the best way to learn the material and to perform well on the tests is through practice. **Learn by doing.** Completing the homework and knowing what areas present the most problems will also enable us to make the most of class time by focusing on those areas.

Plagiarism (Academic dishonesty) Policy: Plagiarism is defined as a student "submitting the words, ideas, images or data of another person as his or her own in any academic writing, essay, thesis, research project or assignment in a course or program of study." Plagiarism amounts to cheating: it is a serious academic offence, and will be dealt with accordingly in this course.

Tentative Schedule: Introduction, ch.1, **test 1**, ch.3 (1st half), **test 2**, ch.3 (2nd half), **test 3**, ch.5 **test 4**, tba, **quiz 1**, tba, **quiz 2**.

Grading Scale:	A+	95% & above	C+	65% - 69%
	A	90% - 94%	C	60% - 64%
	A-	85% - 89%	C-	55% - 59%
	B+	80% - 84%	P	50% - 54%
	B	75% - 79%	F	49% & below
	B-	70% - 74%		