Philosophy 2310 Introduction to Logic Fall 2018

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Textbook: A Concise Introduction to Logic (**NINTH EDITION**) By Patrick J. Hurley

This **course aims** to give you a thorough introduction to logic [Wow! Big surprise, huh?] Logic is the study of implication – or of proof, or of entailment. That is, it studies what kinds of evidence prove or imply what kinds of conclusions. We will cover both of the main divisions of logic. After certain preliminaries, we will delve rather deeply into deductive logic – the logic of absolute proof. This will include the basics of the modern system of symbolic logic. Then we will cover a variety of types of inductive logic – the logic of probabilistic proof. This will include arguments based on analogies, samples and statistics, as well as the basic logic of scientific method. We finish with a sample of common logical fallacies. All hail the Logos!

**Grade:** Your grade will be determined by five homework assignments worth 100 points each, two mid-term exams worth 150 points each and a final exam worth 200 points – for a total of 1000 possible points. 900+ = A, 800+ = B, etc.

**Attendance:** I will call the roll frequently. You will be allowed three recorded absences without penalty. For each additional absence, ten points will be subtracted from your total grade.

**Academic Integrity:** UCA affirms its commitment to academic integrity and expects all members of the academic community to accept a shared responsibility for maintaining academic integrity. Students in this course are subject to the provisions of the university’s Academic Integrity Policy – published in the Student Handbook. Penalties for academic misconduct in this course may include a failing grade on the assignment, a failing grade in the course, or any other course-related sanction the instructor determines to be appropriate. Continued enrollment in this course affirms a student’s acceptance of this university policy.

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**Course Schedule:** You should complete the reading assignments by the date on which that chapter is noted. Blank dates between these will be discussions of that Chapter.

Aug 24 – Intro

27 – Chapter 1 (All) - Basics Nov 05 – Ch. 9 - Induction

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Sep 03 – Labor Day 12

05 – Ch. 2 [Sections 2.1, 2.3 & 2.5] – Definition **H.W. #1 due** 14

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12– Ch. 6 [All except Sec. 6.5] – Propositional Logic **H.W. #2 due.** 21 – Thanksgiving Holiday

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21 30 – **H.W. #5 due.**

24 Dec 03 - Ch. 3 [Only selected] -- Fallacies

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28 – **H.W. #3 due.** 07 – “Study Day” (No Class)

Oct 01 - **Exam 1**

03 – Ch. 7 [Sec. 7.1 – 7.4 only] – Natural Deduction 05

08 **Final Exam:** Mon, Dec 10, 11:00 – 1:00.

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12 – Fall Break

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22 – Ch. 8 [Sec. 8.1 & 8.2 only] – Predicate Logic

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31 – **H.W. #4 due**

Nov 02 – **Exam 2**