

Using S-Cubed:

Use your internet browser to go to: <https://signups.vuw.ac.nz>.

Use your normal *student login* and *password* to sign into S-Cubed.

Click on “*PHIL 211*” You will see info about your course and about the different tutorial sessions. Sign up to your preferred session by clicking on the “*sign up*” button.

Please note: If you do not sign up during the first week of trimester, you may be extremely limited in your choice of tutorial time. The sign-up programme is only available for a limited time. If you have problems please see the Philosophy Programme Administrator, Murphy Building, 5th Floor, MY 518.

Names and contact details

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Communication of additional information

This course uses Blackboard and presumes that all enrolled students have valid myvuw.ac.nz addresses. Please check that this account is active and you have organised email forwarding. Additional information and any changes to the timetable or lecture and seminar programme will be announced in lectures and posted on the course BlackBoard website.

Prescription

An introduction to the analysis of arguments using the methods of symbolic logic. Students are introduced to the use of techniques such as truth tables, trees and natural deduction to test arguments for validity.

Course learning objectives (CLOs)

Students who pass this course will be able to:

1. understand the basics of propositional and predicate calculus. This includes the translation of arguments from English into a formal language (and vice versa), the construction and evaluation of truth tables and truth trees, and an understanding of how these are interrelated.
2. be prepared to take higher level logic courses.

Teaching format

PHIL 211 will involve two two-hour lectures and one 50-minute tutorial per week.

Mandatory course requirements

Other than achieving an overall pass mark of 50% there are no mandatory course requirements.

Workload

In accordance with Faculty Guidelines, this course has been constructed on the assumption that students will devote 200 hours to the course throughout the trimester. This includes weekly attendance at lectures and tutorials completion of all set weekly readings and writing for set assessment tasks.

Assessment

There will be two in-class tests (50 minutes, 15% of total course marks each), four homework assignments (5 % each, total 20%), and a final exam (50%).

The first test will be on Thursday 20 August during lecture time. The second test will be on Thursday 10 October during lecture time. The tests will act as indication of the students' grasp of the material covered in the early stages of the course.

Completed assignments must be received by 4:15 pm on the due-date (either in the tutor's hands, the course co-ordinator's hands) or in the course drop-box (outside MY 518).

The final examination will be a three hour, closed book examination. The date of the examination is set later in the trimester but will fall between 25 October – 16 November.

Assessment items and workload per item – PHIL 211	%	CLO(s)	Due date
1 First Homework Assignment	5%	1 & 2	4:15pm, Tuesday 30 July
2 Second Homework Assignment	5%	1 & 2	4:15pm, Tuesday 13 August
3 Third Homework Assignment	5%	1 & 2	4:15pm, Tuesday 17 September
4 Fourth Homework Assignment	5%	1 & 2	4:15pm, Tuesday 1 October
5 First in-class test	15%	1 & 2	10-11am, Thursday 20 August
6 Second in-class Test	15%	1 & 2	10-11am, Thursday 10 October
7 Final Exam	50%	1 & 2	TBA (25 October – 16 November)

Submission and return of work

Assignments should be submitted during lecture or tutorial or at the School office (MY 518).

Assignments and tests will be returned at times to be advised. If students fail to attend these times, they may collect their essay from the School Office, Room 518, Murphy Building between the hours of 2.00 and 3.00 pm from Monday to Friday and must show their Student ID card before collection.

Penalties

Philosophy Programme policy stipulates that late submission of essays is penalised. For each week or part thereof of lateness, a late assignment gets a 5 point penalty, up to three weeks, after which

the assignment will get a zero mark. (i.e. 1-7 days late a loss of 5%; 8-14 days late a loss of 10 %; 15-21 days late a loss of 15%, and after that a zero mark.) Extensions may be granted in exceptional circumstances, but **require the student to provide documentation**. If granted an extension, students must agree to a new due date. Contact your lecturer as soon as a problem emerges.

Set text

Roderic A Girle, *Introduction to Logic*, Auckland, Prentice Hall, 2002 (either 1st or 2nd edition is fine), available from vicbooks, Student Union Building.

This will be sold in the one-stop shop in the Student Union Building at Kelburn, during the first two weeks of trimester. After week two of the trimester it will be sold from vicbooks on Kelburn campus. Customers can order the textbook online at www.vicbooks.co.nz or can email an order or enquiry to enquiries@vicbooks.co.nz. Textbooks can be couriered to customers or they can be picked up from nominated collection points at each campus. Customers will be contacted when they are available.

Class representative

The class representative provides a useful way to communicate feedback to the teaching staff during the course. A class representative will be selected at the first lecture of the course

Student feedback

This course was last taught by two staff members, this year it has one lecturer. Student feedback on University courses may be found at www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/feedback/feedback_display.php.

Other important information

The information above is specific to this course. There is other important information that students must familiarise themselves with, including:

- Academic Integrity and Plagiarism: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/aegrotat
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/exams-and-assessments/grades
- Graduate attributes: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/hppi/about/overview-of-the-school/phil-overview#grad-attributes>
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#grievances
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/avcacademic/publications2#specialpass
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/vicliffe/student-service
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/vicliffe/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/admisenrol/enrol/studentcontract
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz