

Phil 210

Introduction to Deductive Logic

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Lectures: Mondays and Wednesdays: 12:35–13:25.

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Conference: 1 hour weekly—TBA (usually on Thursday or Friday).

Summary of Material. This course examines the main elements of deductive logic, the modern form of the discipline which has traditionally studied correct forms of inference and reasoning, which is one of the oldest and most important branches of philosophy. Deductive Logic is primarily concerned with correctly deducing conclusions from premises. (1.926-3.290e.66636) be9.116(s)1m

Software The CD also contains software essential for many of the exercises. There are 4 software programs which are to be used to practice various aspects of the course, and a bank of files based on these programs. (The disc also contains a PDF copy of the software manual, as well as of the textbook itself.) The computer-based exercises standardly begin with one of these files, and your solutions to many of the exercises can be checked by submitting them to an on-line marker, which you'll be encouraged to use. Please read carefully the section Essential Instructions about Homework Exercises pp. 5–10 of the book. (IMPORTANT: Please specify only your OWN e-mail address for the 'Submit' function.)

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Marking and Assessment There will be two assignments, worth 12.5% each; one take-home mid-term test worth 25%; one formal, final exam worth 50%. Extensions to deadlines set will be granted only in very exceptional circumstances, usually only for medical reasons and with a certificate, or for other emergencies, appropriately documented. **Please keep copies of work submitted.** With upwards of 300 students in the course and many TAs, work can easily be mislaid.

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Policy for Late Work Late work will be penalised at the rate of a third of a full letter grade (or about 5%) per day overdue. Thus, an assignment judged to be worth a B+ (or around 77%) but late one day will be assigned B (or around 72%), late two days B- (67%), and so on.

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