

PHIL 211 will use S-Cubed for Tutorial registration

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 advised by email, announced in lectures, and posted on the Course Blackboard site.

Course 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.

Learning objectives

Students who pass this course should 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.

Graduate attributes

As with all Philosophy courses, learning objectives of this course contribute to the attainment of specific attributes in the areas of logical and critical thinking, conceptual analysis and rational and ethical decision-making. For more details please consult our website:

www.victoria.ac.nz/hppi/about/overview-of-the-school/phil-overview#grad-attributes

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 year. This includes preparation and attendance at lectures and tutorials, completion of set readings, homework assignments, and preparation for in-class tests and final examination.

An approximate indication of the hours to be spent on each component of the course is as follows:

Preparation and attendance at classes	120 hours
Breakdown of assessment:	
Homework assignments	30 hours
In-class tests	20 hours
Examination	30 hours
Total	200 hours

Assessment

Assessment items and workload per item – PHIL 211	%	CLO(s)	Due date
1 First Homework Assignment	5%	1 & 2	2.00 pm, Friday 21 March
2 Second Homework Assignment	5%	1 & 2	2.00 pm, Friday 4 April
3 Third Homework Assignment	5%	1 & 2	2.00 pm, Friday 9 May
4 Fourth Homework Assignment	5%	1 & 2	2.00 pm, Friday 23 May
5 First in-class test, 50 minutes	15%	1 & 2	2.00-3.00pm, Monday 14th April
6 Second in-class test, 50 minutes	15%	1 & 2	2.00-3.00pm, Friday 30 May
7 Final Exam, 3 hours	50%	1 & 2	TBA (13 June – 2 July)

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 Monday 14 April during lecture time. The second test will be on Friday 30 May 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 2.00 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 13 June and 2 July.

The assignments, tests and exam will be evaluated for correct working and correct answers, and partial credit may be given.

Submission and return of work

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

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

Extensions and Penalties

Extensions

Extensions may be granted, 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.

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.)

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.

Customers can order the textbook online at www.vicbooks.co.nz or 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.

All texts can be purchased at vicbooks: www.vicbooks.co.nz.

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. Contact details for the class representative will be made available on blackboard.

Student feedback

In light of recent feedback on PHIL 211, more opportunities for class participation will be sought, and the course will include a summary and review during the last week of trimester.

Student feedback on University courses may be found at the following website:

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/students/study/exams/integrity-plagiarism (see below for further details)
- Aegrotats: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/exams/aegrotats
- Academic Progress: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/academic-progress (including restrictions and non-engagement)
- Dates and deadlines: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/dates
- FHSS Student and Academic Services Office: www.victoria.ac.nz/fhss/student-admin
- Grades: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/study/progress/grades
- Resolving academic issues: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Special passes: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/dvc-academic/publications
- Statutes and policies including the Student Conduct Statute: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/strategy
- Student support: www.victoria.ac.nz/students/support
- Students with disabilities: www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/disability
- Student Charter: www.victoria.ac.nz/learning-teaching/learning-partnerships/student-charter
- Student Contract: www.victoria.ac.nz/study/apply-enrol/terms-conditions/student-contract
- Subject Librarians: <http://library.victoria.ac.nz/library/resources/subjectcontacts.html>
- Turnitin: www.cad.vuw.ac.nz/wiki/index.php/Turnitin
- University structure: www.victoria.ac.nz/about/governance/structure
- VUWSA: www.vuwsa.org.nz