

PHIL200 Letter of Appeal

At SDSU, PHIL200 is considered a good alternative to Introduction to Philosophy for fulfilling the equivalent general goal. I thought it would pair well with my CS degree, and I wasn't disappointed. We looked at formal and informal logic. Throughout the semester we worked through a book with lectures and numerous examples. The professor emphasized that logic is a powerful tool to finding the truth, but it is not truth itself. A logical statement is not inherently true. For example, "A lion has 4 legs. My cat has 4 legs. Therefore, my cat is a lion." This statement is logical, but I'm quite certain it's not true. Understanding this really helped me get a better understanding of the world and why it can be so difficult for a group of people to agree on something, even when that something seems concrete, objective, and obvious. We also went through numerous fallacies of logic so that we might avoid them, and that they would aid in effectively dissuading others from a logically faulty argument.

Class in Question: SDU:PHIL200

Argued Goal: WSU:Goal 6

Arguments of Appeal:

1. Course Goals Align
2. This course satisfies SDSU's equivalent general goal