

Philosophy 12A: Introduction to Logic

Syllabus 1.1, Fall 2016, MWF 1-2, 50 Birge

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Required materials

Required readings will be posted to bCourses. (There is no textbook you need to buy for this course.) Slides and notes will be made available on bCourses. Links to videos of the lectures will be available on bCourses. Supplemental explanatory videos will also be made available on bCourses.

You will however need a **smart phone** or **tablet** for **Socrative**, an audience response system we'll use often during lecture in the course. You should download the app now.

The ways you can engage with this course

1. Lecture.
2. Section.
3. bCourses.
4. Piazza.
5. Office hours.

How grades are calculated

Your grade depends on your total accumulation of points by the end of the semester. The maximum number of points you can earn is 100. Get points like this:

1. Problem sets: 50 points
 - All problem sets should be typeset, not handwritten. (Consider learning \LaTeX .) For problems that defy your typesetting ability, handwriting is permitted, but only if you make everything neat and clear.
 - There will be 13 problem sets assigned in the course. Your total problem set grade will be calculated based on your top 11 problem sets. (So we drop the two lowest grades.) Late problem sets will receive no credit.
2. Quizzes: 50 points
 - There will be 13 quizzes over the course of the semester (every Friday in lecture). Your total quiz score will be calculated based on your top 10 quiz grades—with the caveat that only one of the last two quizzes can be dropped.

This course is not graded on a curve. Points map directly into letter grades, as follows (n.b.: I may rescale in order to raise grades):

90-100	A-/A/A+
80-89	B-/B/B+
70-79	C-/C/C+
60-69	D
0-59	F

Bonus points

Activity on Piazza gets you bonus points. At the end of the semester, Piazza gives us a ranking of student participation. Bonus points will be assigned on a curve, with 3 bonus points being the maximum.

Your activity in section can also get you bonus points. Specifically, anything that you do in section that helps the students around you learn—asking and answering questions, making helpful comments, etc.—gets you bonus points (up to 3). Bonus points for section activity will be at the discretion of your GSI.

Problem set due dates

These are due at 10am.

Thurs Sept 1	Problem set 1 due
Thurs Sept 8	Problem set 2 due
Thurs Sept 15	Problem set 3 due
Thurs Sept 22	Problem set 4 due
Thurs Sept 29	Problem set 5 due
Thurs Oct 6	Problem set 6 due
Thurs Oct 13	Problem set 7 due
Thurs Oct 20	Problem set 8 due
Thurs Oct 27	Problem set 9 due
Thurs Nov 3	Problem set 10 due
Thurs Nov 10	Problem set 11 due
Thurs Nov 17	Problem set 12 due
Tues Nov 29	Problem set 13 due
Tues Dec 7	Problem set 14 due

Quiz dates

Fri Sept 2	Quiz 1
Fri Sept 9	Quiz 2
Fri Sept 16	Quiz 3
Fri Sept 23	Quiz 4
Fri Sept 30	Quiz 5
Fri Oct 7	Quiz 6
Fri Oct 14	Quiz 7
Fri Oct 21	Quiz 8
Fri Oct 28	Quiz 9
Fri Nov 4	Quiz 10
Fri Nov 18	Quiz 11
Wed Nov 30	Quiz 12

The schedule is subject to revision. Any revisions to the schedule will be announced on bCourses.