Moberly Area Community College
Common Syllabus

PHI151 Introduction to Logic

**Current Term**

**Instructor:**

**Office number(s):**

**Contact information:**

**Office hours:**

**Classroom information:**

**Class days and time:**

**Catalog Description:** PHI151 *Introduction to Logic* (3-0-3) PHI151 is an introduction to the principles and methods of logic. Deduction, induction, informal fallacies, and other means of valid reasoning are emphasized. (FA, SP)

**Prerequisite:** None

**Text(s):** This class uses Open Educational Resource books. Print books are optional and available in the MACC bookstore.

- **Title:** Clear and Present Thinking v2
- **Author:** Meyers, Brendan
- **Edition:** 2019
- **Publisher:** Lulu Express

**Other Required Materials:** None

**Purpose of Course:** This course teaches the basic concepts for critical thinking and correct reasoning, focusing on the structures of correct arguments in traditional logic and the analysis of fallacies of reasoning.

**Course Objectives:** Upon successful completion of this course students will be able to:

- Demonstrate a basic understanding of the strategies and skills for critical thinking;
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of the rules for correct arguments;
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of fallacies in arguments.

**Course Content:**

1. Overview of Logic
2. The basic anatomy of correct arguments
3. Knowledge questions relating to language
4. Deductive and inductive reasoning
5. Fallacies of reasoning
Assessment of Student Learning:

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Exams will consist of objective and essay questions.
The Final Exam will be cumulative, closed-book with no aids.
Participation will be based on quantity and quality of in-class participation. Attendance and instances of incisive questioning (IQ), demonstration of critical thinking (CT), supportive participation in Socratic Dialogue (SD), sharing of personal views and life-stories which relate to the class material (S) and class-preparedness (CP) will be noted as Excellent (E) Very Good (G) or Poor (P) in the grade sheets.

Grading Scale:
- A – 90-100%
- B – 80-89%
- C – 70-79%
- D – 60-69%
- F – 0-59%

Expected Study Time Commitments: Students should expect to spend approximately 2 to 4 hours per week studying, reading, and working on assignments for each registered credit hour. For example, 6 to 12 study hours per week may be expected for a 3 credit hour class.

Description of Major Assignment(s)/Projects:
Logic Notebook: Students will prepare a notebook which demonstrates their understanding of the more than one-hundred key concepts of Logic. Students may include and label with the key concept being illustrated items such as advertisements, personal statements or experiences, newspaper articles, letters to the editor, extended essays or other material. The Instructor will display and explain samples of notebooks from previous semesters.

Schedule of Student Assignment/Activities: Instructors will identify a Student Assignment/Activities schedule. Instructors have the prerogative to construct the schedule by class periods, weeks, or an overview of topics to be covered.

Statement to Connect Course with General Education Outcomes: In compliance with MACC’s General Education Outcomes, the student who successfully completes this course will be able to:

- **Higher Order Thinking**: Students will demonstrate the ability to distinguish among opinions, facts, and inferences; to identify underlying or implicit assumptions; to make informed judgments; to solve problems by applying evaluative standards; and to reflect upon and refine those problem-solving skills. This outcome involves creative thinking, critical thinking, and quantitative literacy.
• **Communication**: Students will demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively through oral, written, or digital channels using the English language or quantitative or other symbolic systems. Students should be able to write and speak with thoughtfulness, clarity, coherence, and persuasiveness; read and listen critically; and select channels appropriate to the audience and message.

• **Managing Information**: Students will demonstrate the ability to discern when there is a need for information; and to identify, locate, evaluate, and effectively and responsibly use and share that information for the problem at hand.

**College / Instructor Policies:**

**Academic Dishonesty**: MACC board policy is as follows: “Academic dishonesty by students damages institutional credibility and unfairly jeopardizes honest students; therefore, it will not be tolerated in any form.” Forms of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to the following: violations of copyright law, plagiarism, fabrication, cheating, collusion, and other academic misconduct. Incidents of dishonesty regarding assignments, examinations, classroom/laboratory activities, and/or the submission of misleading or false information to the College will be treated seriously. The procedure for handling academic dishonesty is outlined in the Student Handbook (Policy Handbook M.010). In cases of alleged academic dishonesty, the burden of proof is on the student, not on the instructor.

**Attendance Policy**: Students are expected to attend all class sessions for which they are enrolled. The College reserves the right to drop or withdraw students from courses due to lack of attendance.

Students need to be aware that dropping/being dropped from a course and their last date of attendance in the course may impact their financial aid.

MACC faculty are required to track attendance and report lack of attendance. An instructor must complete the appropriate steps to drop a student within one week following the student’s violation of the attendance policy. Additionally, a student’s attendance rate will be calculated based upon the first day the academic session begins (not the student’s date of enrollment in the course). If a student does not attend a course as defined below, the student will be dropped as “Never Attended.”

**Term Length Drop Calculations**

- **16-week**: Any student who misses two (2) consecutive weeks of class will be dropped from the course by the instructor unless acceptable justification is provided by the student and the student still has the opportunity to be successful in the course.

- **8-week**: Any student who misses one (1) consecutive week of class will be dropped from the course by the instructor unless acceptable justification is provided by the student and the student still has the opportunity to be successful in the course.
4-week: Any student who misses two (2) consecutive days of class will be dropped from the course by the instructor unless acceptable justification is provided by the student and the student still has the opportunity to be successful in the course.

Intersession: Any student who misses one (1) day of class will be dropped from the course by the instructor unless acceptable justification is provided by the student and the student still has the opportunity to be successful in the course.

Acceptable justification may include, but is not limited to, family emergencies, illness or injury, college-approved co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, and religious holidays.

**Definition of Course Attendance**

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Simply logging into the Learning Management System (Canvas) and/or accessing the course and course related material does not constitute active participation for the online component of hybrid courses or for online courses. (*Policy Handbook*, I.090 & M.095)

**Tardiness:** Per instructor’s policy

**Make-up and late work:** Per instructor’s policy

**Extra-credit work:** Per instructor’s policy

**Student Email:** MACC Mail is the official student email system at MACC. Official college communication is sent via this email system. Students are responsible for checking their MACC Mail account regularly. Students may also receive notifications and reminders from MACC through the
online learning platform. However, students should remain aware that the online learning platform messaging system and MACC Mail (student email) system are two separate systems.

**ADA Statement:** Students who have disabilities that qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act may register for assistance through the Office of Access and ADA Services. Students are invited to contact the Access Office to confidentially discuss disability information, academic accommodations, appropriate documentation and procedures. For more information, please call either the Moberly office at (660) 263-4100 x 11240 or the Columbia office at (573) 234-1067 x 12120, or visit our web page at [http://www.macc.edu/index.php/services/access-office](http://www.macc.edu/index.php/services/access-office).

**Title IX Statement:** MACC maintains a strict policy prohibiting sexual misconduct in any form, including sexual harassment, sexual discrimination, and sexual violence. All MACC employees, including faculty members, are considered mandated reporters of sexual misconduct and as such are expected to contact the Title IX Coordinator when they become aware, in conversation or in writing, of an incident of sexual misconduct. For more information on this policy or to learn about support resources, please see [http://www.macc.edu/sexual-misconduct-policy](http://www.macc.edu/sexual-misconduct-policy) (links to an external site) or contact Ms. Cheryl Lybarger, MACC’s Title IX Coordinator, at 660-263-4110, ext. 11369 or CherylLybarger@macc.edu.