PHILOSOPHY 1113
INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC
SYLLABUS

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Required Texts
• Hurley, A Concise Introduction to Logic, 11th edition
• Selected readings in the philosophy of logic on MyCourses.

Course Objectives
1. To examine the very idea of logic in the context of reason and rationality.
2. To study a variety of forms of logical inference, good and bad.
3. To study some commonly encountered bad arguments
4. To acquaint you with the rudiments of formal categorical and propositional
deductive techniques.

Course Requirements
1. Mid-term exam, administered via MyCourses (50% of course grade)
2. Final exam, cumulative, administered via MyCourses (50% of course grade)

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myCourses.msstate.edu, or access through my.msstate.edu using the “Classroom” tab. If
you have trouble accessing or navigating MyCourses or MyState, contact the Help Desk

General Remarks
• I employ a typical ten point grading scale, no greasy kid stuff.
• Come to class; otherwise, you won’t know what to read nor when to read it nor what
we’ve said in class ... and you’ll therefore likely fail the exams.

Schedule
We’ll work our way through Hurley, pausing to reflect on the larger issues and ideas
sparked by our discussion, supplemented perhaps by readings on the philosophy of logic.
Specific reading assignments and emphases will be announced in class. Chapters I’m sure
we’ll cover, either wholly or in part, and not necessarily in the order they’re listed, include:

Chapter 1: Basic Concepts                          Chapter 5: Categorical Syllogism
Chapter 2: Language: Meaning and Definition       Chapter 6: Propositional Logic
Chapter 3: Informal Fallacies                      Chapter 7: Natural Deduction
Chapter 4: Categorical Propositions               Chapter 13: Hypothetical/Scientific Reasoning

Honor code
As a Mississippi State University student I will conduct myself with honor and integrity at all times.
I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor will I accept the actions of those who do.