

Philosophy 250: Symbolic Logic
Fall 2008

General information

Time: T R 11:30 AM – 1:18 PM
Location: 262 Hopkins Hall
Webpage: <http://people.cohums.ohio-state.edu/caplan16/250.htm>

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Course description

We will study sentential and predicate logic. We will learn how to do three things: (i) symbolize natural-language arguments in various formal languages, (ii) interpret those formal languages, and (iii) do proofs in those formal languages.

Required text

Merrie Bergmann, James Moor, and Jack Nelson, *The Logic Book*, 5th ed. (Boston, MA: McGraw-Hill, 2009).

Course requirements

Homework assignments	20%
Midterm exam	30%
Final exam	50%

Starting the second week, homework assignments will be posted on the course webpage on Thursday after class and will be due at the beginning of class the following Tuesday. Only the five homework assignments on which you score the highest will count towards your final grade. No late or make-up homework assignments will be accepted.

Schedule

A detailed and updated schedule will be posted on the course webpage. We will cover Chapters 1-3, 5, 7-8, and 10.

There will be no class on Tuesday, 11 November 2008 (Veterans' Day) or Thursday, 27 November 2008 (Thanksgiving).

The final exam will be 11:30 AM – 1:18 PM on Tuesday, 9 December 2008 in Hopkins Hall 262.

Disabilities

Students who might need accommodations are encouraged to contact me and the Office for Disability Services (150 Pomerene Hall, 292-3307).

Academic misconduct

Academic misconduct is a serious offense. You are responsible for knowing what counts as academic misconduct. You might want to consult the Code of Student Conduct or the Committee on Academic Misconduct:

http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/resource_csc.asp

and

<http://oaa.osu.edu/coam/home.html>.