COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY CREDIT COURSE SYLLABUS

CAMPUS: All

COURSE NUMBER: PHL103 COURSE TITLE: Logic

CREDITS: 3 HOURS: LECTURE: 3 LAB: 0 CLINICAL: 0 STUDIO: 0 PRACTICUM: 0

PREREQUISITES: None COREQUISITES: None

CATALOG COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is a non-mathematical approach to methods for everyday reasoning. Application to daily life is stressed. Topics covered include analysis of statements; valid deductions – logical connections, syllogism, their analysis and application; generalizing; classification and analogies; conditional arguments and common fallacies; and an introduction to symbolic logic.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will:

- 1. Discuss the complex relationships between language, thinking and existence.
- 2. Recognize and evaluate a variety of models of argumentation.
- 3. Apply formal and informal logic in assessing written and spoken presentations.
- 4. Recognize and apply the roles and structures and tests of arguments.
- 5. Demonstrate a logically more rigorous use of language in academic and daily life.
- 6. Develop critical analytical skills in reading, listening, writing and thinking.

LISTED TOPICS:

- 1. Informal fallacies
- 2. Categorical propositions
- 3. Validity and truth values or false values in logic and statements
- 4. Syllogisms
- 5. Symbols use to logical notation

REFERENCE, RESOURCE, OR LEARNING MATERIAL TO BE USED BY STUDENT:

(May be unique for each campus)

Textbooks

Workbooks or exercise manuals

Lecture and discussion processes

Written homework assignments and handouts

Exams and/or alternative projects may be required for grades

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Start Year/Term:	
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