

**Class Guidelines and Syllabus
Philosophy 1520 Critical Thinking
Fall 2011**

Dr. Eigenauer

MWF 11:10 AM until 12:00 PM (PHIL 1520-20 CRN 50883)

MW 2:10 PM until 3:30 PM (PHIL 1520-21 CRN 50060)

General information

Office hours: 10:00 until 11:00 AM Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; Tuesdays from 10:00 AM until noon. I am available many other hours by appointment and often if you drop by.

Book: None required.

Email: you will need an email account. Please make that you use the address listed in the Taft College database.

Contact information:

Office phone: 661.763.7722

Email: jeigenauer@yahoo.com

Office location: Gym

Grading

Various assignments (maps, papers, group work) worth one letter grade each (100 points each).

Attendance policy

I reserve the right to drop you from the course without regard for your grade if you miss six classes during the course of the semester for any reason.

You will be dropped from the course if you miss six classes before the drop deadline (Monday October 31, 2011)

Electronic Devices

Electronic devices of all kinds (cell phones, iPods, Blackberries, etc.) are prohibited at all times from class. All devices must remain OFF (not on silent). If you attempt to use an electronic device during class, you will be asked to leave the classroom. You are not allowed to receive calls, make calls, listen to music, watch videos, send or receive text messages, or communicate with anyone outside class during class. Multiple violations of this policy will be referred to the Vice President of Student Services for disciplinary action, which can include suspension from school.

Academic honesty policy

All instances of academic dishonesty are reported to the Vice President of Student Services for disciplinary action. Historically, such infractions are punished harshly and may result in being permanently expelled from Taft College. You may not use any material of any kind from someone else that is not yours without giving proper credit. This means that if you take three or more words from any article, newspaper, magazine, book, television program, radio program, audio file, video file, journal, or Internet page without putting quotes around those words and citing where those words came from, you will have committed an act of **academic dishonesty** and you will be disciplined.

You will be disciplined if you copy someone's homework or any part of a paper.

You will be disciplined if you use someone's homework or paper to do your own paper or homework.

You will be disciplined for submitting a paper that was purchased through an Internet site, or which was submitted in any other class by someone else. This is true even if you make changes to the paper.

You will be disciplined if you use anyone's paper as a model for your own.

You will be disciplined if any assignment or portion of an assignment resembles closely that of another student (current or past).

Materials needed

Every day of the class, without exception, you will need something to write with and paper to write on. Do not ask me to borrow something to write with or something to write on.

- A three ring binder.
- A highlighter.
- Internet access.
- An email account.
- A flash drive
- Cmap software

The computer lab

Food and drink are not permitted in the computer lab.

Major Units

Argument Creation

Project (ungraded)
Project and paper (graded)

Argument Mapping

Various mapping assignments culminating in an analytical test

Evaluation

Mapping / Evaluation practice assignment
Short evaluative paper (including map)

Metacognition

Cognitive Biases
Logical Fallacies (graded project)

Building Arguments from Evidence (Reasons from Premises)

Project 1 (ungraded)
Project 2 (ungraded)
Project 3 (graded)

Using Standards to Evaluate

Project 1 (ungraded)
Project 2 (ungraded)
Project 3 (graded)

Final Project

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

MWF 11:10 AM class: Monday December 12, 2011 8:00 AM

MW 2:10 PM class: Tuesday December 13, 2011 8:00 AM

(Regretfully, final exams cannot be taken early. Please make all travel arrangements for after final exams are done).

DEADLINES:

Refund date: September 4, 2011

Drop with no notation: September 26, 2011

Drop with a "W": October 31, 2011

Course Level SLO	Institutional SLO(s) aligned with	Assessment(s)*
Argument Analysis	Critical and Creative Thinking	Analyze the structure of arguments.
Argument Summary	Critical and Creative Thinking	Summarize arguments in prose based upon prior analysis.
Argument Evaluation	Critical and Creative Thinking	Judge the validity of arguments based upon prior analysis.
Argument Creation	Critical and Creative Thinking	Create arguments with evidence-based reasoning.
Metacognition	Critical and Creative Thinking	Evaluate bias and cognitive errors in reasoning.