

# Syllabus

## PHIL 422 Advanced Logic

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**Office Hours:** Every Monday at on WebEx (I will always **record** office hours for those who don't have time—and I will be switching up the time on Monday to make live office hours available to as many of you as possible) We will be doing practice problems together. You can ask any question about the homework. And you can also send me questions in advance, and I will go over them in office hours.

### **How to contact me:**

- Reach out to me on **Canvas** and by **Email** ([jasmin.ozel@unlv.edu](mailto:jasmin.ozel@unlv.edu))
- I will usually get back to you within a few hours—please note that I'm located in Germany, so you will most likely hear back from me at night.
- Feel free to send me screenshots of your problems for feedback.
- We can also schedule **individual meetings** on WebEx. Just email me for an appointment.
- I will always post the **recording** of WebEx Office Hours on Canvas afterwards.

### **Course Objective**

Our objectives this term will be to demonstrate mastery of basic concepts and methods in the meta-theory of first-order propositional, predicate, and modal logic, including expressive completeness, induction, soundness, completeness, and decidability.

### **Textbook**

You do not need to purchase any textbook for this course. Every **Monday and Wednesday morning**, I will be posting the **lectures** and **slides** with all the material that we will cover that week.

You are however welcome to look at David Bostock's text, *Intermediate Logic* (Oxford University Press, 1997) during the first half of the class. We may also cover a little material inspired by James Garson's *Modal Logic For Philosophers* towards the end of the semester.

### Assignments:

There will be **weekly quizzes and homeworks** plus one **final quiz** that will be due on **Dec. 6** on Canvas. Your total grade will be composed of your total number of points, and your letter grade will be calculated according to the standard numerical scale.

The weekly quizzes will always be due on **Monday at midnight**. So start early, so that you can ask questions in my office hours on Monday!

Here is the preliminary syllabus. We may take more time for some topics, and I will be filling a few more meetings in the end as the term goes by.

### Syllabus

Date	Topic	Assignment and Due Date
Jan. 19	Lecture 1: Introducing the Double Turnstile	Quiz #1, Jan. 26
Jan. 24	Lecture 2: Introducing Sentential Logic, Part I (Syntax)	Quiz #2, Jan. 31
Jan. 26	Lecture 3: Introducing Sentential Logic, Part II (Semantics)	Homework #1, Homework #2, Quiz #3, Feb. 2
Jan. 31	Lecture 4: Evaluating Sequents	

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Feb. 2	Lecture 5: Expressive Adequacy	Homework #3, Quiz #4, Feb. 9
Feb. 7	Lecture 6.1: Logical Induction	
Feb. 9	Lecture 6.2: Logical Induction	Quiz #5, Homework #4, Feb. 16
Feb. 14	Lecture 7.1: Basic Tableau for Sentential Logic (1)	Homework #5, Quiz #6, Feb. 22
Feb. 16	Basic Tableau for Sentential Logic (2)	
Feb. 21	<b>Presidents' Day Recess</b>	
Feb. 23	Lecture 8: Introducing Soundness and Completeness	Quiz #7, Mar. 2
Feb. 28	Lecture 9: Soundness in SL	Homework #6, Mar. 7
Mar. 2	Lecture 10: Completeness in SL	Quiz #8, Homework #7, Mar 9
Mar. 7	Lecture 11.1: Predicate Logic, the basics (1)	Quiz #9, Mar. 14
Mar. 9	Lecture 11.2: Predicate Logic, the basics (2)	Homework #8, Mar. 16
Mar. 14	<b>Spring Break Recess</b>	
Mar. 16	<b>Spring Break Recess</b>	
Mar. 21	Lecture 12: Tableau for Predicate Logic	Quiz #10, Mar. 28
Mar. 23	Lecture 13.1: Interpretations in PL (1)	Quiz #12, Mar. 30

Date	Topic	Assignment and Due Date
Mar. 28	Lecture 13.2: Interpretations in PL (2)	Homework #10, Apr. Apr. 4
Mar. 30	Lecture 14.1: Constructing Models in PL (1)	
Apr. 4	Lecture 14.2: Constructing Models in PL (2)	Quiz #13, Homework 11 Apr. 11
Apr. 6	Lecture 15.1: Finite and Infinite Interpretability (1)	
Apr. 11	Lecture 15.2: Finite and Infinite Interpretability (2)	Quiz #14, Homework 12, Apr. 18
Apr. 13	Lecture 16.1: Soundness and Completeness in PL (1)	
Apr. 18	Lecture 16.2: Soundness and Completeness in PL (2)	Quiz #15, Homework #13, Apr. 25
Apr. 20	Lecture 17: Basic Modal Logic	
Apr. 25	Lecture 18: Tree Proofs for Basic Modal Logic	Homework #14, Quiz #16, May 2
Apr. 27	Lecture 19: Relative Modal Logic	Homework #15, May 4
May 2	Lecture 20: Final Quiz	Final Quiz, May 13
May 4	Finals Week	
May 13	Final Quiz Due	

## UNIVERSITY POLICIES

**Academic Misconduct:** Academic integrity is a legitimate concern for every member of the Campus community; we all share in upholding the fundamental values of honesty, trust, respect, fairness, responsibility, and professionalism. By choosing to join the UNLV community, students accept the expectations of the Student Academic Misconduct Policy, and are encouraged to always take the ethical path whenever faced with choices. Students enrolling at UNLV assume the obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with UNLV's educational mission. An example of academic misconduct is plagiarism. Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of another person, from the Internet or any other source without proper citation of the sources. See the Student Conduct Code, <https://www.unlv.edu/studentconduct/student-conduct>.

**Auditing Classes:** Auditing a course allows a student to continue attending the lectures and/or laboratories and discussion sessions associated with the course, but the student will not earn a grade for any component of the course. Students who audit a course receive the same educational experience as students taking the course for a grade, but will be excused from exams, assessments, and other evaluative measures that serve the primary purpose of assigning a grade.

**Classroom Conduct:** Students have a responsibility to conduct themselves in class and in the libraries in ways that do not interfere with the rights of other students to learn or of instructors to teach. Use of electronic devices such as pagers, cellular phones, or recording devices, or potentially disruptive devices or activities, are only permitted with the prior explicit consent of the instructor. The instructor may rescind permission at any time during the class. If a student does not comply with established requirements or obstructs the functioning of the class, the instructor may initiate an administrative drop of the student from the course.

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**Disability Resource Center (DRC):** The UNLV Disability Resource Center (SSC-A, Room 143, <https://www.unlv.edu/drc>, 702-895-0866) provides resources for students with disabilities. Students who believe that they may need academic accommodations due to injury, disability, or due to pregnancy should contact the DRC as early as possible in the academic term. A Disabilities Specialist will discuss what options may be available to you. If you are registered with the UNLV Disability Resource Center, bring your Academic Accommodation Plan from the DRC to the instructor during office hours, so that you may work together to develop strategies for implementing the accommodations to meet both your needs and the requirements of the course. Any information you provide is private and will be treated as such. To maintain the confidentiality of your request, please do not approach the instructor in front of others to discuss your accommodation needs.

**Final Examinations:** The University requires that final exams given at the end of a course occur on the date and at the time specified in the Final Exam schedule. The general schedule is typically

available at the start of the semester, and the classroom locations are available approximately one month before the end of the semester. See the Final Exam Schedule, <https://www.unlv.edu/registrar/calendars>.

**Identity Verification in Online Courses:** All UNLV students must use their Campus-issued ACE ID and password to log in to WebCampus.

UNLV students enrolled in online or hybrid courses are expected to read and adhere to the Student Academic Misconduct Policy, <https://www.unlv.edu/studentconduct/misconduct/policy>, which defines, “acting or attempting to act as a substitute for another, or using or attempting to use a substitute, in any academic evaluation or assignment” as a form of academic misconduct. Intentionally sharing ACE login credentials with another person may be considered an attempt to use a substitute and could result in investigation and sanctions, as outlined in the Student Academic Misconduct Policy.

UNLV students enrolled in online courses are also expected to read and adhere to the Acceptable Use of Computing and Information Technology Resources Policy, <https://www.it.unlv.edu/policies/acceptable-use-computing-and-information-technology-resources-policy>, which prohibits sharing university accounts with other persons without authorization.

To the greatest extent possible, all graded assignments and assessments in UNLV online courses should be hosted in WebCampus or another UNLV-managed platform that requires ACE login credentials for access.

**Incomplete Grades:** The grade of “I” (Incomplete) may be granted when a student has satisfactorily completed three-fourths of course work for that semester/session, but cannot complete the last part of the course for reason(s) beyond the student’s control and acceptable to the instructor, and the instructor believes that the student can finish the course without repeating it. For undergraduate courses, the incomplete work must be made up before the end of the following regular semester. Graduate students receiving “I” grades in 500-, 600-, or 700-level courses have up to one calendar year to complete the work, at the discretion of the instructor. If course requirements are not completed within the period indicated, a grade of “F” will be recorded, and the student’s GPA will be adjusted accordingly. Students who are fulfilling an Incomplete grade do not register for the course, but make individual arrangements with the instructor who assigned the “I” grade.

**Library Resources:** Librarians are available to consult with students on research needs, including developing research topics, finding information, and evaluating sources. To make an appointment with a subject expert for this class, please visit the Libraries’ Research Consultation website: <http://guides.library.unlv.edu/appointments/librarian>. You can also ask the library staff questions via chat and text message at: <http://ask.library.unlv.edu/>.

**Missed Classwork:** Any student missing class, quizzes, examinations, or any other class or laboratory work because of observance of religious holidays will be given an opportunity during that semester to make up the missed work. The make-up opportunity will apply to the religious holiday absence only. It is the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor within the first 14 calendar days of the course for Fall and Spring courses (except for modular courses), or within the first 7 calendar days of the course for Summer and modular courses, of their intention to participate in religious holidays which do not fall on state holidays or periods of class recess. For additional information, please visit the Policy for Missed Work, under Registration Policies, on the Academic Policies webpage, <https://catalog.unlv.edu/content.php?catoid=6&navoid=531>.

In accordance with the policy approved by the Faculty Senate regarding missed class time and assignments, students who represent UNLV in any official extracurricular activity will also have the opportunity to make up assignments, provided that the student provides official written notification to the instructor no less than one week prior to the missed class(es).

The spirit and intent of the policy for missed classwork is to offer fair and equitable assessment opportunities to all students, including those representing the University in extracurricular activities. Instructors should consider, for example, that in courses which offer a “Drop one” option for the lowest assignment, quiz, or exam, assigning the student a grade of zero for an excused absence for extracurricular activity is both contrary to the intent of the Faculty Senate’s policy, and an infringement on the student’s right to complete all work for the course.

This policy will not apply in the event that completing the assignment or administering the examination at an alternate time would impose an undue hardship on the instructor or the University that could reasonably have been avoided. There should be a good faith effort by both the instructor and the student to agree to a reasonable resolution. When disagreements regarding this policy arise, decisions can be appealed to the Department Chair/Unit Director, College/School Dean, and/or the Faculty Senate Academic Standards Committee.

For purposes of definition, extracurricular activities may include, but are not limited to: fine arts activities, competitive intercollegiate athletics, science and engineering competitions, liberal arts competitions, academic recruitment activities, and any other event or activity sanctioned by a College/School Dean, and/or by the Executive Vice President and Provost. **Rebelmail:** Rebelmail is UNLV’s official email system for students, and by University policy, instructors and staff should only send emails to students’ Rebelmail accounts. Rebelmail is one of the primary ways students receive official University communications, information about deadlines, major Campus events, and announcements. All UNLV students receive a Rebelmail account after they have been admitted to the University. Emailing within WebCampus is also acceptable. **Tutoring and Coaching:** The Academic Success Center (ASC) provides tutoring, academic success coaching, and other academic assistance for all UNLV undergraduate students. For information regarding tutoring subjects, tutoring times, and other ASC programs and services, please visit the ASC website, <https://www.unlv.edu/asc>, or call 702-895-3177. The ASC building is located across from the Student Services Complex (SSC). Academic success coaching is located on the second floor of SSC A, Room 254. Drop-in tutoring is located on the second floor of the Lied Library, and on the second floor of the College of Engineering building (TBE A 207).

**UNLV Writing Center:** One-on-one or small group assistance with writing is available free of charge to UNLV students at the Writing Center, <https://writingcenter.unlv.edu/>, located in the Central Desert Complex, Building 3, Room 301 (CDC 3 301). Walk-in consultations are sometimes available, but students with appointments receive priority assistance. Students may make appointments in person or by calling the Center, 702-895-3908. Students are requested to bring to their appointments their Rebel ID Card, a copy of the instructions for their assignment, and two copies of any writing they have completed on their assignment.

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