

## SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE

### Course Code, Number, and Title:

PHIL 3200: Critical Thinking and Business Ethics

### Course Format:

[Course format may vary by instructor. The typical course format would be:]

Lecture 3 h + Seminar 1 h + Lab 0 h

**Credits:** 3

**Transfer credit:** For information, visit [bctransferguide.ca](http://bctransferguide.ca)

### Course Description, Prerequisites, Corequisites:

Responsible business decisions call for the ability to (1) analyze a problem and arrive at a decision backed by the strongest reasons and (2) know the difference between ethical and unethical conduct. Students will be introduced to the elements of logic, and learn to identify and construct arguments and distinguish between good and bad ones. The course also offers a primer in ethics and students take up the questions of how ethics is distinguished from law and prudence, what makes actions right or wrong, and why be ethical. The emphasis will be on ethical decision making in a business environment.

Prerequisite(s): 30 credits of post-secondary courses or approval of the Department Chair.

Corequisites: None

### Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Identify and construct arguments
- Distinguish between good and bad arguments
- Identify ethical issues
- Reason competently about issues in terms of ethical principles

**Instructor(s):** TBA

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**Office Hours:** TBA

## **Textbook and Course Materials:**

[Textbook selection may vary by instructor. An example of texts and course materials for this course might be:]

For textbook information, visit [https://mycampusstore.langara.bc.ca/buy\\_courselisting.asp?selTerm=3|8](https://mycampusstore.langara.bc.ca/buy_courselisting.asp?selTerm=3|8)

Note: *This course may use an electronic (online) instructional resource that is located outside of Canada for mandatory graded class work. You may be required to enter personal information, such as your name and email address, to log in to this resource. This means that your personal information could be stored on servers located outside of Canada and may be accessed by U.S. authorities, subject to federal laws. Where possible, you may log in with an email pseudonym as long as you provide the pseudonym to me so I can identify you when reviewing your class work.*

## **Assessments and Weighting:**

**Final Exam** 35%

**Other Assessments %**

(An example of other assessments might be:) %

Assignments: 30%

Project: 15%

Other: 35%

Number of assignments: 4

Participation format: 3 logic assignments, 1 term paper

Proportion of individual and group work:

Individual: 75%

Group: 25%

**Grading System:** Letter grade

Specific grading schemes will be detailed in each course section outline.

## **Topics Covered:**

[Topics covered may vary by instructor. An example of topics covered might be:]

Introduction, Identification and typology of arguments. The nature of self-deception

Typology of definitions and fallacies associated with them. Identification of acceptable and unacceptable premises

Fallacies of relevance

Fallacies of evidence

Introduction, Business ethics as personal and professional integrity, business, ethics and the good life

Conflicts of interest and the meaning of morality

Rules, roles and responsibilities

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Rationality, ends and means, co-operation and co-ordination

“Its not my problem’: the concept of responsibility

Social responsibility and the stakeholder

Free enterprise and social justice

Human rights and international business

Freedom and power: privacy and pressures in the workplace

The personal side of business, friendship, family, sex and marriage

As a student at Langara, you are responsible for familiarizing yourself and complying with the following policies:

**College Policies:**

[E1003 - Student Code of Conduct](#)

[F1004 - Code of Academic Conduct](#)

[E2008 - Academic Standing - Academic Probation and Academic Suspension](#)

[E2006 - Appeal of Final Grade](#)

[F1002 - Concerns about Instruction](#)

[E2011 - Withdrawal from Courses](#)

**Departmental/Course Policies:**

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