**Logic**

**2019-2020 Fall Semester**

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**About the course:**

Logic is one of the traditional liberal arts taught in ancient Greece. This course is designed to develop students’ reasoning and analytical skills so that their thinking, speaking, and writing becomes more clear, more orderly, and more compelling. The focus of this course is on syllogisms and fallacies.

**Materials:**

* Spiral notebook OR binder with paper for class notes
* Folder or 3-ring binder for handouts
* Loose-leaf paper for assignments
* Pencil or plain blue/black ink pen for homework
* Red ink pen to correct homework

Optional but greatly appreciated

* Kleenex
* Clorox wipes
* Dark color dry erase markers (besides blue, green, red, and black)

**Classroom**

* No food, gum, candy, etc. Plain water is allowed.
* Follow all school rules.
* If you are disruptive, you will be asked to stop. Failure to stop can result in further disciplinary actions per the student handbook.

**Textbooks:**

**The Discovery of Deduction: An introduction to Formal Logic**

**The Art of Argument: An introduction to informal fallacies**

**Routine**

Formal Logic: Class begins with correction of homework, followed by a lesson, followed by time to complete homework for the next day.

Informal Logic: Students are presented with basic descriptions of fallacies. Students discuss examples of fallacies in class, identifying the fallacies.

**Technology**

Technology can be helpful to take notes. These are the technology guidelines:

* Technology is for individual, not group, use.
* Technology must be used for class work, not games or surfing the internet.
* You must be able to keep up with everyone else taking notes; I will not wait for you because you do not know how to use your technology.
* I must be able to see what you are doing. Do not change the screen or turn the screen away from me.
* If you do not follow the rules you may lose the privilege of using technology.
* You are not guaranteed a power source; your device should be charged.
* Cell phone use is not allowed.

**Quizzes**

Quizzes occur every two or three days.

**Examinations**

Exams generally take place after each chapter, unless a chapter is very short.

**Homework/Classwork**

To be successful in this class, keeping up-to-date on homework is critical. Homework will usually be checked in class. Homework assignments are posted on Infinite Campus. Late work is accepted for half credit. Deadlines will be given in class to turn in late work.

**Grading**

Grades will be updated in the gradebook by Monday at 4:00 pm for the previous week.

**Quarter Grades**

* 30% homework
* 10% quizzes
* 60% exams

**Semester grades**

* 40% from quarter one
* 40% from quarter two
* 20% from your final exam

Letter grades are assigned per the student handbook.

**Academic Honesty**

Eagle Ridge Academy seeks to nurture absolute respect for intellectual property. Any willful misrepresentation of another’s works or ideas as one’s own: cheating on an assignment or a test or plagiarizing will result in zero on the assignment for the first occurrence, a pillar referral, and parental contact. Further occurrences may result in failure of the course.

**Attendance & Participation**

Attendance is important. Be on time and choose to participate in class and use class time well.

**Things to Note**

1. **Take careful notes in class**! This way, if you struggle with a problem, you have another resource to go back to.
2. **Do your homework/classwork!** This helps you understand the material, and know what to ask when you don’t understand the material.
3. **Ask questions.** If you have a question about class material or assignments, ask me about it, either in or outside of class. You will have to take the first step—ask me, email, or stop by my office.
4. **Use class time wisely.** This is a great way to have resources available if you run into trouble.

**Absences**

* ***Illness/unknown ahead of time***—It is best to make up the work as quickly as possible. In general, the number of days absent + 1 is the number of days to make up work.
* ***Field trips***—you are expected to turn in any work due on the day of the trip, as well as arrange to take any quizzes/exams before the field trip.
* ***Pre-Arranged*—**this is when you will be on vacation and have received approval from the office ahead of time. All work must be submitted within 48 hours of your return unless otherwise arranged.
* ***Unexcused***—Any work that is due on the day of an unexcused absence will receive a 0. Students are expected to turn in any work and take any quizzes exams on the regular schedule when absences are unexcused.

I have read and understand the requirements for this class. Turn in the syllabus to Miss Williams by Wednesday, September 4th, 2019. You will receive the syllabus back.

Student Name Parent Name

Student Signature Parent Signature