

PALOMAR COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD FOR
DEGREE CREDIT COURSE

 X Transfer course A.A. degree applicable course
(check all that apply)

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: PHIL 191 Verbal Reasoning I

UNIT VALUE: 3

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS: 48

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS: Appropriate language skills

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

PREREQUISITE: None

COREQUISITE: None

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION: None

SCOPE OF COURSE:

Preparation for the Verbal Reasoning section of the Medical College Admission Tests.

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Students will:

- evaluate claims for consistency and logical implication;
- analyze words for etymology and meaning;
- compare and contrast similar-sounding but importantly different claims;
- reconstruct and summarize passages in the arts, humanities, and other areas;
- demonstrate familiarity with (1) periods of cultural history in Europe, and (2) major concepts and movements in the arts, humanities, and social sciences

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

Logic

- Consistency
- Logical implication
- Deductive and inductive entailment

Word roots

- Greek
- Latin

Precision of expression

- Rewording
- Reconstruction
- Summary

Author perspective

- Rhetorical passages
 - True/false responses
 - Multiple choice responses
 - Sample MCAT passages
- Historical periods
- Concepts and movements in the disciplines
 - Arts
 - Humanities
 - Social Sciences
- Learning partners
 - Introduction
 - Pairings and practice

REQUIRED READING:

The instructor may select appropriate instructional materials. Currently, the only available text focusing on this curriculum is:

Seech, Zachary. First Steps to Verbal Reasoning: Language and Logic Skills for MCAT Success. (unpublished), 2000.

SUGGESTED READING: None

REQUIRED WRITING: Skills exercises are the appropriate activities for this test-preparation course. The areas are: logic, Greek and Latin roots, precision of expression (rewording, reconstruction, summary), historical and discipline-related concepts. The exercises are of the following types: selecting among response options, creating rhetorical equivalence, and identifying historical and discipline-related contexts.

OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS:

Students are expected to spend a minimum of three hours per unit per week in class and on outside assignments, prorated for short-term classes.

Solving logic problems, doing root searches and analyses, identifying and analyzing passages, creating class exercises.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:

Check all that apply:

- lecture
- laboratory
- lecture-laboratory combination
- directed study

This course may be offered as a distance learning course and meets Title 5 regulations 55370, 55372, 55374, 55376, 55378, and 55380.

Yes No

If yes, check all that apply.

- Television Course (Video one-way, e.g. ITV, video cassette, etc.)
- Online Course (Text one-way, e.g. newspaper, correspondence, electronic file, etc.)

- _____ Two-Way Video Conferencing (Two-way interactive video and audio)
- _____ One-Way Video Conferencing (One-way interactive video and two-way interactive audio)
- _____ Computer Assisted Instruction (A specialized form of mediated instruction relying primarily on student access to information and prepared lessons or teaching materials through a computer terminal, but not under immediate supervision of a qualified instructor.)

GRADING POLICY AND STANDARDS (include methods of determining whether the stated objectives have been met by students):

One of several appropriate weightings is as follows:

Minimum mastery in each area necessary for a D. As, Bs, and Cs are determined based 20% on homework, 50% on weekly quizzes, and 30% on classroom performance.

A=90%, B=80%, C=70%, D=60%

IS COURSE REPEATABLE FOR REASON(S) OTHER THAN DEFICIENT GRADE?

Yes X No _____ Number of times course may be taken for credit: 4

If yes, identify specific provision of Title 5 Division 2 section(s), 55761-55763 and 58161 which qualifies course as repeatable: 58161 (C) (2) (A)

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SIGNATURES:

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*I certify that this course meets all the minimum requirements for A.A. degree applicable courses.

Course outlines of record should be reviewed regularly and revised as necessary.

NOTE: Some revisions to course outlines of record require Curriculum Committee approval, others may not. Please consult your dean or the Instruction Office if you need assistance.