**GST 113: LOGIC, PHILOSOPHY AND HUMAN EXISTENCE**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

 The course, Logic, Philosophy and Human Existence, is an introductory course which aims at introducing the student to the discipline of philosophy and the various problems this discipline has interrogated over the period of its existence. The course attempts to place in the hands of the student necessary conceptual tools of philosophical analysis with which the various philosophical problems confronting humanity can be analysed and confronted. In this regard, the course shall attempt to introduce the students to the act of philosophical reflections and how such critical reflections can reduce the traumatic effect of baffling problems of human existence.

The course is taught under two broad segments. The first segment focuses on general issues and problems in philosophy. The approach here is to consider the various branches and some of the problems that have been addressed in each branch. In the second segment focus is on logic and critical thinking. Emphasis shall particularly be laid on enabling the student to develop the capacity to identify and analyse arguments as well as avoid certain pitfalls in critical analysis known as fallacies.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

 Students offering the course will be expected to meet the minimum requirements of 1. Having a continuous assessment (CA), which will be 40% of the total marks; 2. Writing an examination which will be 60% of the total marks. The CA shall consist of assignments and/or tests. Attendance is mandatory as students with less than 75% attendance will, in line with the University regulation, not be allowed to sit for the examination.

**REGISTRATION, ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION PLATFORM**

You will be required to register for this course through online registration in order to offer the course and submit assignments. Failure to register will affect the processing of your result as you will be seen as a student not offering the course,

 All assignments will be submitted through the university’s e-Learning Management System (LMS)[[1]](#footnote-1)

**Course Outline**

1. Philosophy and its Branches
2. Logic and its Importance
3. The Laws of thought
4. Types, Purpose and Rules of Definition
5. The Nature of Argument
6. Types of Argument
7. Identifying and Analysing Argument
8. Forms of Basic Valid Arguments
9. Arguments involving Relations
10. Informal Fallacies
11. Ethics and Human Conduct in the society
12. Some issues in Applied Ethics

**RELEVANT TEXTS**

1. Adeyemi J. Ademowo and Temidayo David Oladipo (eds), *Engaging the Future in the Present: Issues in Culture and Philosophy* (Ibadan: Hope Publications, 2015)
2. Francis Offor, *Essentials of Logic*, Revised Edition. Ibadan: Bookwright Publishers. 2012.
3. Kolawole Olu-Owolabi (ed), *Issues and Problems in Philosophy*. Ibadan: Grovacs Network, 2000.
4. Olusegun Oladipo, *Thinking about Philosophy: A General Guide*. Ibadan: Hope Publications Ltd, 2008.
5. Samuel Enoch Stumpf and James Frazer, *Philosophy: History and Problems*. Boston: McGraw-Hill, 2003.
6. Brooke Noel Moore and Kenneth Bruder, *Philosophy: The Power of Ideas.* Boston: McGraw-Hill, 2002.
7. A.G.A. Bello, *Introduction to Logic.* Ibadan: University Press PLC, 2000.
8. I.M. Copi, *Introduction to Logic.* New Delhi: Prentice-Hall Private Limited. 2006.
9. C. Stephen Layman, *The Power of Logic*. Boston: McGraw-Hill, 2002.
10. Patrick J. Hurley, *A Concise Introduction to Logic*. Australia: Thomson Wadsworth, 2008.
1. (<http://lms.abuad.edu.ng>). Or simply open the university website and click on LMS on the home page. Then log in and choose GST 113: LOGIC, PHILOSOPHY AND HUMAN EXISTENCE (2016/2017). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)