Kennesaw State University

LOGIC 2300  Monday & Wednesday  8:00 – 9:15 am  Dr. T. H. White

Fall 2011 Syllabus

TEXT: Understanding Symbolic Logic, 8th edition, Virginia Klenk

1. Of the text we should expect to cover chapters one through nine, and possibly more. Due to the nature of logic the chapters will be studied in sequential order. Lectures will follow the text very closely; therefore you will need to bring the textbook to class everyday. Other than Klenk no other text is required. Units 1, 2, and 3 will be covered on the first test; units 4, 5, 6, and 7 will each have its own test; and 8 and 9 will constitute the final exam.

2. Appointments must be arranged. Best time to see me is right before or after class. I am on campus Mondays and Wednesdays only. Arrange a meeting by speaking directly with me before or after class, by leaving a note in my departmental mailbox or by speaking with the secretaries, Gail or Megan in the History and Philosophy Department, Social Science Bldg, 4th floor. (770) 423-6432.

3. Tests will be graded on a numerical basis and there should be at least four or five of them before the final exam. A missed test must be promptly made up but not later than one week from when the class takes it. All tests require all your work to be shown or you jeopardize receiving credit. Each test will take the full class period. In addition to chapter tests there will be a few very short (ten-twelve minute) optional brainteasers. Whereas tests can be made up, brainteasers cannot. Brainteaser points earned will simply be added to your last test grade for grade calculation purposes. Brainteasers will vary in points (depending on difficulty) but no one brainteaser will be worth more than five points. As we go along you will see how the brainteasers supplement the textbook.

4. From time to time and at my discretion some homework will be collected, graded and returned. No extra credit projects will be assigned or accepted.

5. Attendance will be taken at every class meeting by signature collection. Four unexplained absences will be tolerated. Five absences will result in a course grade of “F”. I cannot emphasize too strongly the need to be present every class day and keep abreast of the readings. The correlation between poor attendance and poor academic performance in logic is something you should not take likely.

6. Please abide by the integrity statement (as published in the Student Handbook) at all times. Any infractions thereof will be dealt with according to policies spelled out there.

7. For academic and emergency purposes contact me at: twhite42@kennesaw.edu. Your emails will come directly to me at my home office.