



# Veritas Academy

A Center for Classical Christian Learning  
Savannah, Georgia

## Logic I – Syllabus

Term: 2011-12

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**Course Description:** In an introduction to Logic students will be exposed to the world of thinking about thinking. During the first semester we will wrestle with informal logic and, more specifically, with identifying and understanding logical fallacies. As students learn to recognize faulty thinking, they will grow in their skills and abilities to identify flawed arguments and to communicate clearly. These are necessary skills for success in other subject areas. We will use the book *The Art of Argument* in our study of informal logic.

In the second semester, using skills acquired in the first, students will learn to construct logically sound arguments. Through the study and use of various argument types students will grow in the art of building strong arguments. We will use *The Argument Builder* during the second semester.

### Textbooks:

Aaron Larsen and Joelle Hodge. *The Art of Argument*. Classical Academic Press, 2010.  
Shelly Johnson. *The Argument Builder*. Classical Academic Press, 2008.

<b>Evaluation:</b>	Tests	50%
	Quizzes	25%
	Homework:	15%
	Class Participation	10%

## First Semester

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WEEK OF	LESSONS (chapter.fallacy #)
August 18	Intro: Fight Fair/Critical Thinking
August 23, 25	Formal vs. Informal Logic
August 30, September 1	Lessons 1.1 through 1.4

September 6, 8	Review, chapter 1 quiz, Appeals to Emotion dialogue
September 13, 15	Lessons 2.5 through 2.8
September 20, 22	Lessons 2.9 through 2.10, review
September 27, September 29	Chapter 2 quiz, lessons 3.11 through 3.12
October 4, 6	Lesson 3.14, review, chapter 3 quiz
October 11, 13	Review/catch up, <b>Unit 1 test</b>
October 18, 20	Unit II Intro/lesson 4.15
1 <sup>st</sup> quarter ends	Lesson 4.16, Dialogue on Presumption
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October 25, 27	Lessons 4.16 through 4.20
November 1, 3	Review, chapter 4 quiz
November 8, 10	Chapter 5 intro, lesson 5.21
November 15, 17	Lessons 5.22 through 5.25
November 22	Chapter 5 quiz
November 23-25	Thanksgiving break
November 29, December 1	Review, <b>Unit 2 test</b>
December 6, 8	Chapter 6 intro and Fallacies of Clarity dialogue, lessons 6.26, and 6.27
December 13, 15	Lesson 6.28, review
December 19-January 1, 2012	Christmas break
January 3, 5	<b>Unit 3 test</b> , semester review
January 9-13	<b>Logic School Exams</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter ends	

## Second Semester

WEEK OF	LESSONS
January 17, 19	Chapters 1 and 2
January 24, 26	Chapters 3 and 4
January 31, February 2	Chapters 5 and 6
February 7, 9	Chapters 7 and 8
February 14, 16	Chapter 9 and review of chapters 1-9
February 21, 23	<b>Test #1</b> and chapter 10
February 28, March 1	Chapters 11 and 12
March 6,8	Chapters 13 and 14
March 13, 15	<b>Test #2</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter ends	
March 20, 22	Chapter 15, standardized testing (23-25)
March 27, 29	Chapters 16 and 17
April 2-8	<b>Easter Break</b>
April 10, 12	Chapters 18 and 19
April 17, 19	<b>Test #3</b> and chapter 20

April 24, 26	Chapters 21 and 22
May 1, 3	Review/catch up, <b>test #4</b>
May 8, 10	Chapters 23 and 24
May 15, 17	Chapter 25, <b>test #5</b>
May 22, 24	Review
May 29-May 31	<b>Logic School Exams</b>