Course Description

This course presents an introduction to mathematical logic with emphasis on methodologies and applications in Computer Science. Topics include propositional and predicate logic, methods for deductive reasoning, SAT solving, and programming languages based on logic.

Prerequisites

Either 1) Computer Science 1027A/B, Computer Science 1037A/B, Computer Science 2101A/B, Computer Science 2121A/B or Digital Humanities 2221A/B in each case with at least 65%, and 1.0 course with at least 60% in each from: Applied Mathematics 1201A/B, Applied Mathematics 1413, Calculus 1000A/B, Calculus 1301A/B, Calculus 1500A/B, Calculus 1501A/B, Mathematics 1600A/B; or 2) Integrated Science 1001X with at least 60%.

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you will be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Instructor

Dr. Robert E. Mercer
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Textbook, Lecture Notes

There is no specific textbook for this course. Lecture notes, suggested readings, and supplementary materials are available on OWL.

Supplementary Reading:
M. Huth and M. Ryan, *Logic in Computer Science: Modelling and reasoning about systems*
I. Copi, *Introduction to logic*, (numerous editions).

Course Website

[http://www.csd.uwo.ca/courses/CS2209a](http://www.csd.uwo.ca/courses/CS2209a)
[http://owl.uwo.ca](http://owl.uwo.ca)
Students should check the course website as well as OWL on a regular basis for news and updates. These are the primary methods by which information will be disseminated to all students in the class. The missing of critical information due to your failure to check the course website or OWL cannot be used as a basis for appeal.

**Course Topics**

Introduction to logic  
Propositional logic: the language  
Propositional logic: proofs (natural deduction; resolution)  
Restricted languages: definite clauses, Horn clauses  
Proof techniques for restricted languages  
Predicate logic: the language  
Predicate logic: proofs (natural deduction; resolution)  
Restricted languages: definite clauses, Horn clauses  
Proof techniques for restricted languages  
Other topics (SAT solving, Prolog, Answer Set Programming)

**Class Schedule**

4 hours lecture  
TuTh 9:30-10:30am MC 110  
W 10:30am-12:30pm SSC 2050  
1 hour will occasionally be used as a tutorial or for quizzes (on Tuesdays or Thursdays)

**TA Consulting Hours**

To be announced (see course websites for updates)

**Course Work Evaluation**

4 Assignments 20% (5% each)  
5 in-class Quizzes 10% (2% each)  
Midterm 30%  
Final 40%  

None of the components will be dropped, and it is not possible to have the components reweighted unless they were legitimately missed.

It is Faculty of Science policy that a student who chooses to write a test or exam deems themselves fit enough to do so, and the student must accept the mark obtained. Claims of medical, physical, or emotional distress after the fact will not be considered.

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at this website: [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf).

Computer-marked, multiple-choice tests and exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

Late assignments will be deducted 10% of the assignment for one day late, 30% for two days late, and 50% for three days late unless an extension has been granted. No assignment will be
accepted for marking after three days has passed from the due-date. To obtain a passing grade in the course, a student must obtain at least 50% on the two exams (weighted 30-40).

Every effort will be made to have assignments, quizzes and tests marked and handed back within 2 weeks of the hand-in date.

If for any reason the assignment schedules given below cannot be adhered to, the assignment marks will be pro-rated. (The 6 assignments are worth 30% of the overall mark for the course. If an assignment has to be cancelled for any reason, the remaining assignment weights will be prorated to add up to 30%.)

Every effort will be made to have (on-time) assignments marked and handed back before the next assignment is due. Midterm exam marks will be posted within 2 weeks of the exam at the latest.

### Tentative Assignment, Quiz and Test Schedule, and Other Test and Exam Rules

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Generally, no extensions to assignments will be given (except for lengthy illness, or other compassionate grounds). In those cases where an extension is granted, only the course instructor can grant the extension. If you have serious medical or compassionate grounds for an extension, you should take supporting documentation to the office of the Dean of your faculty, who will contact the instructor.

There will be no makeup Midterm Exam, except for students requesting a Special Midterm Exam for religious reasons. These students must have notified the course instructor and filed documentation with their Dean’s office at least 2 weeks prior to the Midterm Exam in question.

If you miss the Midterm Exam for any other reason, and present valid documentation to the Dean’s office, your Final Exam mark will be reweighted to include the weight of the Midterm Exam. You must notify the course instructor within a week of the missed Midterm Exam, and documentation must be received by your Dean’s office within 2 weeks of the missed exam.

For computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams, use may be made of software to check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

If for any reason the assignment and quiz schedules cannot be adhered to, the marks will be pro-rated.

No electronic devices may be in your possession during tests and exams.

All exams, tests and quizzes are closed book. A reference sheet (provided by the instructor) is allowed for the Midterm Test and Final Exam, but not for the quizzes.

In case of questions regarding the marks, please note that no quizzes or exams will be accepted for re-marking later than two weeks after they have been marked. We reserve the right not to re-mark quizzes or exams that have been written in pencil.
All students are expected to attend all classes. A student found to be missing a large number of classes without acceptable reasons risks being denied a passing grade.

If you are unable to meet a course requirement due to illness or other serious circumstances, you must provide valid medical or supporting documentation to the Academic Counselling Office of your home faculty as soon as possible. If you are a science student, the Academic Counselling Office of the Faculty of Science is located in WSC 191, and can be contacted at 519-661-3040 or scibmsac@uwo.ca. Their website is http://www.uwo.ca/sci/undergrad/academic_counselling/index.html A student requiring academic accommodation due to illness is recommended to follow the policy on Accommodation for Illness http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_illness.pdf (which includes a link to the Student Medical Certificate) There are no make-up tests or quizzes. If your faculty’s Academic Counselling Office has approved your circumstances, the value of the missed test or quiz will be reallocated. If you miss the Final Exam, contact your faculty’s Academic Counselling Office as soon as possible. They will assess your eligibility to write the Special Exam (the name given by the university to a makeup Final Exam). You may also be eligible to write the Special Exam if you are in a "Multiple Exam Situation": http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/examinations/exam_schedule.html

Assignment Submission

STILL DECIDING HOW TO DEAL WITH ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION

Ethical Conduct

All assignments are individual assignments. You may discuss approaches to problems among yourselves; however, the actual details of the work must be an individual effort.

The standard departmental penalty for assignments that are judged to be the result of academic dishonesty is, for the student’s first offence, a mark of zero for the assignment, with an additional penalty equal to the weight of the assignment also being applied. You are responsible for reading and respecting the Computer Science Department’s policy on Scholastic Offences http://www.csd.uwo.ca/current_students/undergraduate_students/scholastic_offences.html and Rules of Ethical Conduct https://www.csd.uwo.ca/current_students/undergraduate_students/rules_of_ethical_conduct.html

The University of Western Ontario uses software for plagiarism checking. Students may be required to submit their written work and programs in electronic form for plagiarism checking.

Missed Test or Final Exam

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**Accessibility**

Please contact the course instructor if you require lecture or printed material in an alternate format or if any other arrangements can make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 661-2111 ext. 82147 if you have questions regarding accommodation.

**Support Services**

Learning-skills counsellors at the Student Development Centre [http://www.sdc.uwo.ca](http://www.sdc.uwo.ca) are ready to help you improve your learning skills. They offer presentations on strategies for improving time management, multiple-choice exam preparation/writing, textbook reading, and more. Individual support is offered throughout the Fall/Winter terms in the drop-in Learning Help Centre, and year-round through individual counselling. Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western: [http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental_health](http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental_health) for a complete list of options about how to obtain help. Additional student-run support services are offered by the USC [http://westernusc.ca/services](http://westernusc.ca/services). The website for Registrarial Services is [http://www.registrar.uwo.ca](http://www.registrar.uwo.ca)