

# SCO111 Reasoning like a Sceptic

**Level:** 1

**Credit Units:** 2.5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY JULY

## Synopsis:

This course teaches the basic elements of sound reasoning using the news and fake news as practice material. Students learn what an argument is, how to identify arguments and how to evaluate arguments in news passages. Students also learn to adopt a reasonable sceptical stance towards intuitively plausible arguments that are commonly found in psychology, economics, sociology, and which are commonly cited in the news.

## Topics:

- Fake news and cognitive biases
- Reasons, claims and arguments
- Healthy scepticism
- An argument in economics
- An argument in psychology
- An argument in sociology

## Learning Outcome:

- State the different parts of an argument.
- Explain the roles of the different parts of an argument.
- Identify different types of arguments.
- Conclude sensibly.
- Paraphrase arguments.
- Evaluate arguments.

## Assessment Strategies:

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
PRE-COURSE QUIZ	5
QUIZ	20
GROUP BASED ASSIGNMENT	35
PRESENTATION	35
PARTICIPATION	5
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>100</b>

Examinable Component	Weightage (%)
<b>Sub-Total</b>	

**Weightage Total**

**100**