

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.

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

Examinable Component	Weightage (%)
Sub-Total	

Weightage Total

100