

## JH Propositional Logic and Apologetics

### 2011-2012 School Year Syllabus

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#### Class Times

Section 1 Tuesday 9:45 am – 11:15 am

Section 2 Thursday 1:15 pm - 2:45 pm

Section 3 Thursday 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

#### Course Description:

Every student should develop critical thinking skills, for application to all pursuits of life. Years ago, students learned this skill through studying Propositional Logic and conceptual math, and applied it in apologetics and other areas of Rhetoric. This course revives that tradition by studying Propositional Logic using the book *Introductory Logic* by Nance, and then applying those skills to study of biblical apologetics and doctrine. One of the most fundamental questions Christ ask us is “Who do you say I am?,” a question that incorporates both “What do you believe?” and “Why do you believe it?” into one query. This course addresses these questions in both critical thinking approach and content. More important, it helps students take knowledge of the mind into faith of the heart. It also prepares students to proclaim and defend what they believe and why they believe it to an unbelieving world.

#### Course Materials:

*Introductory Logic* by Douglas J. Wilson and James B. Nance 4<sup>th</sup> Edition  
ISBN-10: I-59128-033-8  
ISBN-13: 978-I-59128-033-0

*Introductory Logic Answer Key 4<sup>th</sup> Edition*  
ISBN: 1591280346

*Intermediate Logic* by James B. Nance 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition  
ISBN-10: 1-59128-035-4  
ISBN-13: 978-1-59128-035-4

*Intermediate Logic Answer Key 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*  
ISBN: 1591280362

Please remember to purchase the companion Answer Keys listed above. They will not be available through the TPS Bookstore.

The textbooks may be purchased at the [TPS Bookstore](#). Look under the HS Logic course for the textbooks.

*More than a Carpenter* by Josh McDowell (2009)  
ISBN: 978-1414326276  
[http://www.amazon.com/More-Than-Carpenter-Josh-McDowell/dp/1414326270/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1278191283&sr=8-1](http://www.amazon.com/More-Than-Carpenter-Josh-McDowell/dp/1414326270/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1278191283&sr=8-1)

*Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis

There are multiple printings of *Mere Christianity*. Make sure you do not choose an abridged version. An example is here:

[http://www.amazon.com/MERE-CHRISTIANITY-C-S-LEWIS/dp/B000QMXU18/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1278191419&sr=1-3](http://www.amazon.com/MERE-CHRISTIANITY-C-S-LEWIS/dp/B000QMXU18/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1278191419&sr=1-3)

Students must also have a working microphone. A headset microphone (including headphones) is highly recommended. Click [here](#) for a picture of the set I use. Students who do not have a working microphone when called upon will lose participation points.

#### Course Requirements:

Students will also be expected to participate in all forums, including the General Questions Forum, which will allow students to quickly answer each other's "study buddy" questions. In many cases a simple question may be answered more quickly by another student than I would be able to answer it. I will receive copies of all posts in the forums.

#### Submission of Assignments Online:

Unless otherwise noted all tests, quizzes and papers will be submitted via StudyPlace.

### Grading Policies:

All assignments are expected to have been submitted by the deadlines posted unless a student's parents request a later due date prior to the deadline. All late work will be assessed a one letter grade (10%) per day penalty. **Assignments more than three days late will not be graded and will be assessed a 0.** Quizzes may be given periodically and will be averaged with the homework. The following weighting will be used:

1<sup>st</sup> Semester:

Quizzes and homework 50%

Class participation 50%

2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

Quizzes and homework 50%

Class participation 50%

The grading scale for the course is, A: 100-90, B: 89-80, C: 79-70, D: 69-60 F: ≤ 59. This grading scale is intended to be fair and challenging at the same time. Extra credit assignments *may* be assigned from time to time to help students raise their grades as needed.

### Checking your grades online:

Grades will be available through StudyPlace.

### Schedule of Assignments:

A schedule of assignments is available through StudyPlace.

I have read and understand the requirements and agree to follow the guidelines for this course as outlined in this syllabus.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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