

Module Layout

ΠΙ0622 / Theory of Argumentation – Logic and Rhetoric

Faculty	ΣAKE	School of Humanities and Social Sciences	
Programme of Study	ΠΙ0	PNYX: Political History, Theory and Practice	
Module	ΠΙ0622	Theory of Argumentation – Logic and Rhetoric	
Level of Study	Undergraduate		Graduate
		Master √	Doctoral
Language of Instruction	Greek		
Mode of Delivery	Distance		
Module Type	Required		Electives √
Number of Group Consulting Meetings	Total	Physical Presence	Online
	10	-	10
Number of Assignments	2		
Final Grade Calculation	Assignments	Weekly Activities	Final Exam
	30 %	10 %	60 %
Number of European Credit Transfer System (ECTS)	15		

Module Description

The aim of the Course ΠΙ0622 is to offer the students a systematic acquaintance with the principles of “good” (valid, sound and persuasive) argumentation, in the fields of both written and oral speech. The ability of constructing good arguments, checking the validity/soundness of the arguments of others, as much as the knowledge of the conditions upon which the persuasiveness and effective communication through arguments depend, constitute a necessary condition for every kind of successful, constructive occupation with current politics. For this reason ΠΙ0622 offers an introduction to Logic (both formal and informal logic, the last called also “theory of argumentation”), their tools and their methods as a “condition-sine-qua-non” for everyone interested to involve in modern politics. The rhetorical frame of a logically valid argumentation, the dependence of the persuasiveness of arguments upon to the whole dialectic-communicative context as much as some subtle moral-ethical considerations are also parts of the content of the Course. The Module ΠΙ0622 is divided in 4 Parts:

- Part 1: Ancient Rhetoric, History of Logic, History of Rhetoric: Sophists, Plato
- Part 2: Ancient Rhetoric: Aristotle, Stoicism, Ancient Rome, Cicero
- Part 3: Logic and the Role of Arguments, Argument Evaluation, Language as an efficient means of communication
- Part 4: Rhetoric today, Public Discourse, Political Discourse

Pre-requisite Modules

ΠΙ0511	Political and Economic Theory
ΠΙ0521	Aspects of Greek and Cypriot History

Co-requisite Modules

ΠΙ0522	Aspects of European and World History
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Grading Scheme

Assessment Method	Percentage on Final Grade	Workload	
		Hours	ECTS

Weekly Interactive Activities	10 %	30	1
Assignment 1	15 %	180	6
Assignment 2	15 %	180	6
Final/Repeat Examination	60 %	60	2
Total	100%	450	15

Grading Rules and Assessment methods

- Students are evaluated with 9, if they earn 90% of the possible grade, i.e. $90\% * 10 = 9$, etc.
- Passing rate
 - 50% of the Assignments
 - 50% of the Interactive Activities
 - Students are allowed to participate in the final exam of a Module if they have overall earned the minimum grade ($\geq 50\%$) in both their Assignments and Interactive Activities
 - 50% of the Final exam

If a student earns a grade with decimal points, then it is rounded to the nearest half unit.