

Module Layout

ΠΙ0612 / Theory of Argumentation – Logic and Rhetoric

Faculty	ΣΑΚΕ	School of Humanities and Social Sciences	
Programme of Study	ΠΙ0	PNYX: Political History, Theory and Practice	
Module	ΠΙ0612	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 Module ΠΙ0612 “Theory of Argumentation – Logic and Rhetoric” is one of the two elective Modules of the third semester of the MA “PNYX: Political History, Theory and Practice”. The aim of Module ΠΙ0612 is to provide participants with the tools to understand not only the foundations of a “persuasive” argumentation but also how this can be expressed in the form of a public speech. The driving force will be the structure, the identification and the reconstruction of arguments as well as the study of rhetoric as the “technê” of public speaking. Arguments are everywhere, but this doesn't mean that everything is an argument. Thus, the types of arguments will be studied, at a theoretical and practical level, while at the same time their evaluation in the context of various situations of our daily lives will be the main focus of our course. Public discourse includes arguments; a good argument guides reason, whether or not it appeals to emotion. The “technê” of Logic and the Science of Logic govern all the important aspects of our everyday speech. In addition, the Module will highlight issues of ethical and political dimensions of the communicative discourse. For this purpose, examples of public speeches will be studied, in order to examine the pillars that influence an effective speech.

- 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

FS: ΠΙ0512	Social and Historical Theory
SS: ΠΙ0522	Aspects of European and World History

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. $90\% \cdot 10 = 9$, 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.