

Informal Fallacies Presentation

Informal logic involves the types of arguments one encounters on a daily basis, such as in conversations, editorials, debates and philosophical passages. These types of arguments may be **cogent** if the meanings and terms are clear and appropriate, the premises are accepted as true and the premises give strong support for the conclusion. However, upon closer examination, an argument that appears cogent at first glance may in fact be committing a **fallacy**, and thus must not be accepted as true or cogent.

Informal logicians have identified many types of fallacies that demonstrate faulty reasoning. Chapter 2 of your textbook presents 14 in addition to the fallacies of problematic premise and hasty generalization. The fallacies are divided into three sections; each respective section deals with arguments of a specific nature. Logical Fallacies A deal with arguments that focus on people or groups, Logical Fallacies B focus on the structure of an argument and the terms used, and Logical Fallacies C deal with specific-general and part-whole relationships.

Your assignment is to choose one of the groups of fallacies and, in a small group, create a creative PowerPoint presentation that conveys the relevant information. The groups are as follows.

- Logical Fallacies A
 - o *Attack on the person, Appeal to tradition, Attack on the motive, Bandwagon, Strawman*
- Logical Fallacies B
 - o *Appeal to ignorance, Begging the question, Equivocation, Loaded term, Slippery slope*
- Logical Fallacies C
 - o *Accident, Converse accident, Composition, Decomposition*

You will be marked based on the following criteria.

Presentation Criteria	Mark
Delivery	
Maintained eye contact	/5
Rate of speech was not too fast or too slow, volume was not too loud or too soft and pronunciation was clear and easy to understand	/5
Voice was varied in pitch; it was not monotone	/5
Notes were used sparingly; did not read from them	/5
Content and Organization	
Ideas organized in a meaningful way	/5
Content was accurate and relevant	/5
PowerPoint Criteria	
Slides	
Slides demonstrate sense of audience and purpose	/5
Slides demonstrate sense of effort	/10
Slides have relevant images that enhance understanding of the term	/5
Total	/50