

# SCO111 Reasoning like a Sceptic

**Level:** 1

**Credit Units:** 2.5 Credit Units

**Language:** ENGLISH

**Presentation Pattern:** EVERY SEMESTER

## 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.

## Assessment Strategies (Daytime Class):

Components	Description	Weightage Allocation (%)
Overall Continuous Assessment	PRE-COURSE QUIZ 1	5
	PRESENTATION 1	35
	GROUP BASED ASSIGNMENT 1	35
	QUIZ 1	20
	PARTICIPATION 1	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>

