

**Faculty of Arts  
Department of Philosophy  
Area Readings on Aristotle's Logic  
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Please use your Ryerson e-mail account and state your course and student number. The aim of the Area Reading course will be to get an overview on Aristotle's logic, with a focus on dialectics and the theory of opposites. We will begin with the *Topics* and end with the initial chapters of the *Prior Analytics*. The student will then write an essay about a related topic of his choice.

**Textbook**

- Aristotle, *Topics I and VIII*, translated with a commentary by Robin Smith, Clarendon Press 1997

**Schedule (dates my change)**

1. May 23rd Aristotle, *Topics I* ch. 1-11
2. May 30th Aristotle, *Topics I* ch. 12-18
3. June 6th Aristotle, *Topics VIII*
4. June 13th Porphyry, *Isagoge*; Aristotle, *Categories*
5. July 4th Aristotle, *On Interpretation*
6. July 11th Kimhi, *On the Specification of Contradictory Pairs*
7. July 18th Aristotle, *Prior Analytics* ch 1-5

Essay due by the beginning of August.

**Evaluation**

The grade will be given on the basis of performance in the meetings and the final essay. The final essay should be about 2000-3000 words long, include detailed discussions of passages from Aristotle, and make use of secondary literature.