

History of Logic Manuscripts:

An Inventory of the Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Harry Ransom Center
Title:	History of Logic Collection
Dates:	circa 1630-1786
Extent:	3 boxes (1.26 linear feet)
Abstract:	The History of Logic Collection is made up of ten bound manuscripts concerning ancient Greek logic and ethics.
Call Number:	Manuscript Collection MS-5023
Language:	Materials are written in Latin, with the occasional appearance of Ancient Greek, as well as portrait captions in French and Spanish.
Access:	Open for research. Part or all of this collection is housed off-site and may require up to three business days notice for access in the Ransom Center's Reading and Viewing Room. Please contact the Center before requesting this material: reference@hrc.utexas.edu

Administrative Information

Acquisition:	Purchases, 1969-1987 (R5374, R6625, R8171, R8218, R8380, R9013, R11352)
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Scope and Contents

The History of Logic Collection is made up of ten bound manuscripts concerning ancient Greek logic and ethics, spanning circa 1630-1786. Each item has a designated shelf mark (Logic Ms. 1 through Logic Ms. 10) and the items are organized by shelf mark number.

All of the manuscripts contain personal commentaries on Aristotle's works, particularly the *Categories*, *Analytics*, and *Ethics*. Also present are remarks on Porphyry (circa 234-circa 305), a Neoplatonist philosopher who wrote his own commentary on Aristotle. The Latin translation of this work, *Isagoge (Introduction)*, became a standard medieval textbook on logic, and is mentioned extensively in the collection. The influence of Porphyry on these authors is clear; his famous diagram, the "Porphyrian tree" (*arbor porphyriana*), which illustrates his hierarchical division of substance, is included in many of the manuscripts.

Four of the manuscripts are signed and originated from France, Italy, and Spain. These four manuscripts were written by a Capuchin friar in Palermo (Antoninum Burgio), a Jesuit priest in Naples (Francesco Giordano), a scholar at the University of Valencia (Josepho Perez), and a scholar at the College of Saint-Vaast (Petro de Bevel). The authors model the organization of their works on the teachings of Aristotle and Porphyry. The commentaries generally take the form of a series of questions and answers or claims and responses / refutations. The manuscripts, in turn, are divided into chapters and sub-topics.

The texts are written in Latin, with the occasional appearance of Ancient Greek, as well as portrait captions in French and Spanish. These portraits are featured in three of the volumes and depict famous philosophers, such as Aristotle, Plato, and Porphyry, as well as religious images, such as the birth of Jesus and saints. Many of the manuscripts contain personal markings made by the various owners, such as short prayers, signature practice, and notes.

Logic Ms. 1. Burgio, Antoninum. Logica (spine title). Italy: 1631-1632; 248 leaves. **Container**
Written in Latin. Acquired from Ambrosiana, 1980 (R8171). Contents include: 1.1

Breves dialecticae institutiones ad totam logicam facilius intelligendam. Dated 24 July 1631. Includes tables and diagrams within text. Organized into eight chapters with the following headings:

1. fol. 3r-6r: Untitled introduction;
2. fol. 6r-25v: Liber Primus: de divisione Soni;
3. fol. 25v-30r: Tractatus Secundus: de Quinque Praedicabilibus;
4. fol. 30v-45r: Tractatus Tertius: de decem Pr[a]edicamentis;
5. fol. 45r-60v: Quartus Tractatus: Argumentatio;
6. fol. 61r-68v: Quintus Tractatus: de Syllogismo Topico;
7. 69r-73r: Tractatus Sextus: Syllogismo Sophistico;
8. 73v-80r: Tractatus Septimus: de Parvis Logicalibus;
9. 81r-88v: Tractatus Octavus: de Syllogismo demonstratis.

In universam Aristotelis logica[m] subtilis ac brevis expositio per admodum R.P.F. Antoninum a Burgio ordinis minoru[m] sa[n]cti fra[n]cisci capuccinorum in hac Panormi provincia lectore[m] concionatore[m]que inclitum. Dated 24 August 1632. Marginal annotations and deletions in another hand. Organized into four books with the following headings:

1. fol. 89r-89v: Praesatio;
2. fol. 89v-133r: de Natura Entis Rationis;
3. fol. 134r-163r: de Quinque Praedicabilibus;
4. fol. 165r-218v: de Decem Praedicamentis;

5. fol. 218v-247v: de Propositione et Syll[ogismo];

6. fol. 247v-248r: Index.

Logic Ms. 2. Giodano, Francesco. *Isagoge in Aristotelis Logicam*, R.P. Francisci Iordani, societ[as] Jesu in collegio neap[olitan]. Italy: 1649; 72 leaves. Written in Latin. Acquired from Jenkins and Company, 1975 (R6625). Diagrams included. Organized into three disputationes, each of which contains four quaestiones, with the following headings:

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Disputatio I: de simpliciterum apprehensione iisque omnibus quae cu[m] rudi illius notitia connectuntur:

1. fol. 3v-10r: Quaestio prima: de Sonis ac Vocibus;
2. fol. 10r-13v: Quaestio secunda: de Vocibus Significativis in particulari;
3. fol. 13v-25r: Quaestio tertia: de varia acceptione [t]um nominum [t]um verborum;
4. fol. 25v-26v: Quaestio ultima: de ipsa simplici reru[m] Apprehensione;

Disputatio II: de Iudicio:

1. fol. 27r- 30v: Quaestio prima: de Oratione in genere ex partibus illius;
2. fol. 30v-37r: Quaestio secunda: de Proprietatibus seu affectibus Partium Enunciationis;
3. fol. 37r-40v: Quaestio tertia: de divisione Enunciationis;
4. fol. 40v-46v: Quaestio ultima: de Affectionibus seu Proprietatib[us] Enu[n]ciationis;

Disputatio III: de Tertia Intellectus Operatione:

1. fol. 46v-50r: Quaestio prima: de Argumentatione;

2. fol. 50r-61r: Quaestio secunda: de Argumentatione pressius sumpta pro ut scilicet...;
3. fol. 61r-62v: Quaestio tertia: de Inventione Medii Termini in quovis Syllogismo;
4. fol. 62v-72v: Quaestio ultima: de Modis Disserendi in Particulari.

Logic Ms. 3. Perez, Josepho. Philos[oph]iae rationalis Logica vulgo nu[n]cupata secundu[m] mente[m] Arist[otelis], nostriq[ue] Angelici Praeceptoris doctrinam, atq[ue] nostra Valentinae Universitatis statutis consona. Valencia, Spain: 1758; 85 leaves (originally paginated 1-160, majority of page numbers cut off). Written in Latin. Ex libris Josephi Altêd. Acquired in 1969 (Angelelli order). Engraved title page. Five engravings bound in, with captions in both Latin and Spanish. Fold-out chart included. Contents include:

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1. fol. 2v-28r: Liber primus: de proemialibus logicae;
2. fol. 28r-35v: Liber s[ecundus]: de ente rationis;
3. fol. 35v-70v: Liber t[ertius]: de universalibus;
4. fol. 70v-74r: Liber [quartus]: de veritate et falsitate enuntiationum;
5. fol. 74v-85v: Liber [quintus]: de demonstratione in duos libros posteriorum Aristoteles.

Logic Ms. 4. Logica Vedastin (spine title), recorded by Petro de Bevel. France: 1785-1786; 202 leaves. Written in Latin. From the Abbey of Saint-Vaast, Arras. Acquired in 1969? (Angelelli order)? Contents include:

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Winge, Hilario. Logica major, dictata a R. Domino Hilario Winge, p[hiloso]phiae professore Collegii Vedastionis primario; recepta vero a me Petro de Bevel, Ejusdem Collegii alumno. Engraved title page, frontispiece and table, dated 25 May 1786. Signed by P. de Bevel. Originally paginated 1-232. Organized into five parts with the following headings:

1. fol. 3r-28v: Institutiones P[hiloso]phicae;
2. fol. 29r-58r: Logica pars prima: de percceptione;
3. fol. 58r-102r: Lo[gic]a pars se[cund]a: de judi[c]io;

4. fol. 102r-115r: Lo[gi]ca pars tertia: de discursu;
5. fol. 115r-120r: Lo[gi]ca pars quarta: de methodo.

Lorquin, Vigor. *Logica Vedastina minor*, dictata a R. Dom[ino] Vigore Lorquin, recepta vero a me Petro de Bevel. Engraved title page and frontispiece, dated 25 May 1786. Signed at the end by Petro de Bevel, dated 21 December 1785. Organized into four parts with the following headings:

1. fol. 3r-4v: Lo[gi]ca elementaris;
2. fol. 4v-18r: Lo[gi]ca pars prima: De signis p[er]ceptione ac manifestativis;
3. fol. 18r-55r: Lo[gi]ca pars s[ecunda]: De signo iudicii manifestatio;
4. fol. 55r-82v: Lo[gi]ca pars t[ertia]: De signo discursus interni manifestatio.

Logic Ms. 5. Commentaries on Aristotle, 18th century; 210 leaves. Written in Latin with some Greek citations. Formerly the property of Bishop Bulsér. Bookplate of William Wollascott, Esq. Acquired from Jenkins and Company, 1973 (R5374). One diagram laid in. Contents include: **Container**
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Commentarius in logicam Aristotelis. Originally paginated 1-260, with some page numbers now cut off. Contents include:

1. fol. 1r-11r: Commentarius in logicam Aristotelis;
2. fol. 11v-23r: Commentarius ad Logicam;
3. fol. 24r-59r: In Isagogen porphirii;
4. fol. 59r-105v: In Categoris Artis;
5. fol. 106r-113r: In Librum de Interpretaetione;
6. fol. 113r-124v: In Analytyca ceu Libros analyticorum;
7. fol. 124r-130v: In Libros topicos et Elencos.

Commentarium in Ethicam. Originally paginated 1-164, with numerous page numbers either not filled in or now cut off. Contents include:

1. fol. 1r-7v: Commentarius in Ethicam: Praeludia moralia;
2. fol. 8r-68r: In Decem Ethicorum Nichomachiorum Libros;
3. fol. 68v-73r: In Oeconomicam et Politicam;
4. fol. 73r-80r: Brevissima Politica.

Logic Ms. 6. Commentarius in Phi[losophi]am Ar[istote]lis, 1697; 49 leaves (original foliation is 3-71, fol. 4-16 lacking). Written in Latin. Acquired from George & Vera Nador, 1981 (R9013). Title page with text in spade design. Diagram included. Engraved frontispiece (from another manuscript?) loose inside: **Container** 2.2
 Ph[ilosoph]iae pars [prim]a id est: Logica tractatus [prim]us: in Isagogen Porphirii.
 Contents include:

1. fol. 3r-22v: De universalibus in genere;
2. fol. 23r-30v: De genere;
3. fol. 30v-36v: [De species et...?];
4. fol. 37r-43r: De differentia;
5. fol. 43r-43v: De proprio;
6. fol. 43v-46v: De accidente;
7. fol. 46v-49v: In qua [eraminatur?].

Logic Ms. 7. Commentary on Philosophy, 18th century; 177 leaves. Written in Latin. Acquired in 1978 from Jenkins and Company (R8218). Contents include: **Container** 2.3

[Philosophia Logicae?]:

1. fol. 1r-4r: Disputatio proemialis: de ph[ilosoph]ia in universum spectata;
2. fol. 4r-16r: Liber [prim]us: Logica Compendium;
3. fol. 19r-34r: Liber [secund]us: De na[tur]a Lo[gic]ae;
4. fol. 34v-89v: Liber [terti]us: De apprehensione;
5. fol. 91r-105v: Liber [quart]us: De iudicio;
6. fol. 107r-119v: Liber [quint]us: De discursa.

Philosophia Moralis. Bound in are an engraved title page (blank), an engraved table of philosophical terms, and eight engraved portraits of Aristotle (fol. 18v), Philo of Alexandria (fol. 35r), Descartes (fol. 90v), Plato (fol. 106v), Socrates (fol. 126v), Saint Augustine (fol. 140r), Saint Catharina of Alexandria (fol. 153v), and Saint Thomas Aquinas (fol. 185v). Each portrait, excluding Saint Catharina, has a descriptive caption in French, except that for Saint Augustine, in Latin. Each individual book (liber) was originally paginated. Contents include:

1. fol. 127r-128r: De na[tur]a phi[losophi]a moralis;
2. fol. 128r-152v: Liber [prim]us: De Beatitudine;
3. fol. 154r-184v: Liber [secund]us: [De actib? huis];
4. fol. 186r-193v: Liber [quart]us: [de diis actioum huarum?].

Logic Ms. 8. In Aris[otel]is Diale[ctic]am, circa 1630; 141 leaves (foliated as 143). Written in Latin. Acquired from Ambrosiana, 1978 (R8171). Notes and practice script in pen and pencil throughout. Headings are as follows:

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1. fol. 1r-21r: In Aris[otel]is Diale[ctic]am;
2. fol. 22r-59r: Comentarrii supra Isagogi Porphyrii ad cathedra Arist[otelis];
3. fol. 59v-87r: Comentarrii in libros predicamentorum Aristotelis;
4. fol. 88r-103v: Comentarrii in libros perihermenias;

5. fol. 105r-108v: Commentarii in libros Aristot[elis] de priori analysi;
6. fol. 110r-142r: Commentarii in libros posteriori analysi seu resolutione.

Logic Ms. 9. Philosophia Peripatetica, circa 1690; 200 leaves. Written in Latin. Bound in are six engraved portraits of philosophers with captions in French, and eight engravings of tables and diagrams. Engraved bookplate of Edward Fest Kelly. Acquired from George & Vera Nador, 1979 (R8380). Contents include:

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1. fol. 2r-7v: Philosophia Peripatetica;
2. fol. 8r-31r: Introductio ad Logica[m];
3. fol. 31v-91v: Logica seu pars philosophiae prima: Logica liber primus: Logica Aristotelica;
4. fol. 92r-129r: Logica liber secundus: Logica scholastica seu concertationes in Logicam;
5. fol. 131r-148r: Ethica sive Philosophiae pars secunda;
6. fol. 148v-189v: Philosophiae Moralis Liber secundus;
7. fol. 190r-196v: Compendium Logicae seu explicatio positionum Logicarum;
8. fol. 197r-200v: Index.

Logic Ms. 10. Logica (spine title), 1678-1679; 177 leaves. Written in Latin. Bookplate of Elie Bertrand P. Acquired from R. Hartman Antiquariat, 1987 (R11352); originally designated HRC 184 in the Medieval and Early Modern Manuscripts Collection; transferred, 2009. Begins with a short introduction (Observationes in Logicam, fol. 1r-1v), and is then organized into two main sections, the first of which is preceded by an index (fol. 3r-4v). The second section is composed of nine examen. Contents include:

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Totius Logicae Curriculum: Quod conscripsit Ludovicus Alverius sub praesidio Dom. Domini LaMande, Professoris Peritissimi:

1. fol. 6r-10r: Proemium totius philosophiae;

2. fol. 10r-13v: Proemium logica;
3. fol. 13v-52r: De logica terminis prior pars;
4. fol. 53r-103r: Institu[ti]onum logicaru[m] pars posterior: de instrumentis sine modis dissevendi de quovis [themase?].

Logicae Pars Polemica Seu Elenchica:

1. fol. 105v-116r: Examen primum: Doctrina proemium philosophiae;
2. fol. 116r-124r: Examen [secund]um: Doctrina proemium lo[gic]a[e];
3. fol. 124r-128r: Examen tertium: Doctrina termini logici in genere spectati;
4. fol. 128r-132r: Examen quartum: Doctrina [idaarum?];
5. fol. 132v-149r: Examen quintum: Doctrina universalium et praedicabilium logicorum;
6. fol. 149r-153v: Examen sextu[m]: Doctrina cathegoriarum;
7. fol. 153v-161r: Examen septimum: Doctrina enuncia[ti]onis;
8. fol. 161r-168r: Examen octavum: Doctrina definitionis et divisionis;
9. fol. 168v-173v: Examen nonum: Doctrina arg[u]m[en]ta[ti]onis;
10. fol. 175r-177r: Theses Ex Universa Logica Selecta.

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