

Syllabus for UWXPH121

Critical Thinking

NOTE: This syllabus document contains the basic information of this course. The most current syllabus is available in the full course.

Course Description

Critical thinking is the process of identifying, analyzing, evaluating, and constructing reasoning in deciding what conclusions to draw or actions to take. This course will help you to master an approach to critical thinking that will allow you understand how others think and enable you to think more clearly.

Prerequisite(s)

None

Course Outcomes

Upon completing this course, you will be able to do the following:

- Recognize pieces of reasoning.
- Analyze pieces of reasoning.
- Evaluate pieces of reasoning.
- Construct pieces of reasoning.
- Communicate pieces of reasoning.

Course Requirements/Components

You will be graded on your completion of discussions, quizzes, and a choice of application projects.

Grading

Your grade will be a function of how far you get by the last day of finals week:

- Completing Chapter 1 and stopping there will earn you a D.
- Completing Chapter 2 and stopping there will earn you a D+
- Completing Chapter 3 and stopping there will earn you a C.
- Completing Chapter 4 and stopping there will earn you a B.
- Completing Chapter 5 and stopping there will earn you an A-.
- Completing Chapter 5 and one of the following application projects will earn you an A.
- Application Projects:

- Participating in at least 11 weekly discussion forums.
- Writing a brief (750-1000 word) argumentative essay (either in response to a short reading and given a prompt or on a pre-approved subject of your choosing).
- Creating a short (2-3 minute) persuasive video (either in response to a short reading or video and given a prompt or on a pre-approved subject of your choosing).