PHIL 103 Critical Thinking

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This course is an overview of key critical reasoning skills. Students develop skills to identify types of argument and to analyze the arguments. A wide range of argumentative contexts are examined, such as political discourse, advertisements, scientific claims, and commonly-used social forums. Some formal logic is introduced to strengthen logical reasoning skills. Students also construct and refine written arguments. Specific topics include informal fallacies, the relationship between evidence and conclusions, inductive arguments, deductive arguments, validity, consistency, and soundness. Grade Option (Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass). Degree Credit.

Units: 3
Hours/semester: 48-54 Lecture; 96-108 Homework
Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100.
AA/AS Degree Requirements: Area A3
Transfer Credit: CSU (CSU GE Area A3), UC