

Western University  
Department of Philosophy  
Undergraduate Course Outline 2017/2018

Philosophy 1200 (200): Critical Thinking (Blended)

Full year 2017/2018, Class meetings: M 9:30-10:30, Room SSC 2024

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## Description

This course teaches a basic set of skills that will improve your ability to think clearly and rationally. It will help you avoid fallacies and inconsistencies, uncover implicit assumptions,

## Requirements

Practice exercises (online)	10%
Assignments (online)	15%
Tutorial participation	10%
Midyear examination (December)	30%
Final examination	35%

## Objectives

This course aims to help you

- identify, understand, and evaluate claims and arguments,
- understand the difference between different types of claims and arguments,
- depict the structure of statements and arguments using symbolic and graphical tools,
- recognize rational and non-rational influences on belief formation, including biases,
- understand the importance and relevance of critical thinking skills, and