

Winter Semester  
Asynchronous

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## Description

This course teaches a basic set of skills that will improve your ability to think clearly and rationally.

## Objectives

This course aims to help you

- x identify, understand, and evaluate claims and arguments,
- x understand the difference between different types of claims and arguments,
- x depict the structure of statements and arguments using symbolic and graphical tools,
- x recognize rational and non-rational influences on belief formation, including biases,
- x understand the importance and relevance of critical thinking skills, and
- x know when and how to apply critical thinking skills in both everyday and academic contexts.

## Requirements and assessment

Practice exercises (graded for completion online)	20%
Quizzes (online)	20%
Final examination (in person)	60%

## Audit

Students wishing to audit the course should consult with the instructor prior to or during the first week of classes.

## Department of Philosophy Policies

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