

**CRITICAL THINKING
PSK 105**

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(01) Wednesdays- 12⁰⁰- 13⁵⁰ G-412
 Thursdays 13⁰⁰- 13⁵⁰ G-412
(02) Wednesdays- 09⁰⁰- 10⁵⁰ G-412
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Fall Semester 2019-2020
Syllabus

COURSE OBJECTIVES

It is aimed to consider the ways and components of critical thinking. In the context of this course the objectives include to recognize own thinking practices in addition to theoretical background of critical thinking.

EXPECTATIONS:

- Active and continuous participation (students are required to attend 70 % of the sessions in order to have the final exam)
- To be prepared to course material before class
- Relevant group work and report preparation
- Critical thoughts, suggestions and opinions for increasing the functioning of the course
- Turn off mobile devices during class.

ASSESSMENT

Midterm	Final exam	Group works W2-W5-W7- W10- W11	Total
35%	45%	20%	100%

CONTENT and CALENDER

W1	25/09/2019	Course objectives Let the brainstorming begin!
	26/09/2019	Exercise: <i>Who are you ?</i>
W2	02/10/2019	Just Thinking vs Critical Thinking What's the point?!
	03/10/2019	Group work <i>Challenge it: Fire the questions</i>
W3	09/10/2019	What is truth? What does it mean "to know"? What do you believe about the origins of knowledge?
	10/10/2019	Exercise: <i>Meanings in mind</i>
W4	16/10/2019	How good are your opinions?
	17/10/2019	Exercise: <i>Test your knowledge.</i>
W5	23/10/2019	What does "Evidence" make sense?
	24/10/2019	Group work
W6	30/10/2019	Verbosity vs Arguments
	31/10/2019	Group work: <i>Drawing argument maps</i>
W7	06/11/2019	The Pitfalls I - "Mine is better!" - Errors of perspective
	07/11/2019	Exercise: <i>Pitfalls in newsletters</i>
W8	11-15/11/2019	MIDTERM
W9	20/11/2019	The Pitfalls II - Errors of Procedure - Errors of Expression I
	21/11/2019	Exercise: <i>Pitfalls in close relationships</i>
W10	27/11/2019	The Pitfalls III - Errors of Expression II - Errors of Reactions
	28/11/2019	Exercise: <i>Pitfalls in songs</i>

W11	04.12.2019	Big Pitfall Hunting!!
	05.12.2019	Daily newspaper scanning
W12	11.12.2019	Strategies I <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Knowing yourself - Being Observant - Selecting an Issue
	12.12.2019	Group work: <i>Crazy captions</i>
W13	18.12.2019	Strategies II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conducting Inquiry - Forming a Judgement - Persuading Others
	19.12.2019	Group work: <i>What would happen</i>
W14	25.12.2019	Evaluating the course
	26.12.2019	Arguing an opinion about course
MATERIALS		
<p>Main material Ruggiero, R.V. (2012). <i>Beyond the feelings: A guide to critical thinking</i> (9th ed). Mc Graw Hill: New York</p> <p>Supplementals Daily newspapers Main newsletters Popular magazine articles Research articles</p>		