

Critical Thinking Outcome Set

Students will recognize, analyze, criticize, evaluate, and formulate arguments in ways characterized by intellectual courage and reflective self-criticism.

1. Systematically evaluate arguments of various kinds.
2. Write a formal paper that uses a standard form of reasoning to argue in support of a controversial thesis and then defend this reasoning from a significant objection.

By graduation students will:	Not Proficient	Developing Proficiency	Proficient	Exceeding Proficiency
Systematically evaluate arguments of various kinds	<i>Answers 6 or fewer questions correctly</i>	<i>Answers 7 of 10 questions correctly</i>	<i>Answers 8 or 9 of 10 questions correctly</i>	<i>Answers 10 of 10 questions correctly</i>
Write a formal paper that uses a standard form of reasoning to argue in support of a controversial thesis and then defend this reasoning from a significant objection.	<i>Scores 70% or lower on Sociological Argument paper.</i>	<i>Scores 71-79% on Sociological Argument paper.</i>	<i>Scores 80 – 89% on Sociological Argument paper</i>	<i>Scores 90% or higher on Sociological Argument paper</i>

Assignments Assessing Critical Thinking

Outcome 1: Module 12 Exercise

Outcome 2: Sociological Argument Paper