

# Critical Reasoning

Student Learning Outcomes: Students will demonstrate university-level critical reasoning proficiencies through written expression.

## The Value of Critical Reasoning

Critical reasoning is a form of higher order thinking and writing that requires students to analyze and effect, determine consequences, evaluate sources, and become information literate. Arguments based on the conventions of logic and coherence, distinguish sound premises from faulty ones, detect fallacies, discern strong from weak conclusions, recognize patterns of critical reasoning provides the foundation for academic excellence, professional expertise, and informed citizenship.

## Supporting Skills

1. Students will state clearly and describe comprehensively an issue or problem to be critically considered.
2. Students will draw, cite, and apply evidence from multiple, highly credible sources.
3. Students will articulate and defend a position with compelling arguments.
4. Students will offer a thorough exploration and demonstrate a nuanced understanding of conclusions drawn through critical consideration of a problem or issue.

## Course Content Criteria



	<p>student's position are implicitly or explicitly communicated.</p>	<p>position are implicitly or explicitly acknowledged.</p>	<p>or well articulated. Limitations of the student's position are superficially acknowledged.</p>	<p>position are superficially acknowledged or not acknowledged at all.</p>
<p>Consequences and implications</p>	<p>The outcomes, consequences, and implications are thoroughly explored and demonstrate a nuanced understanding of how the <u>conclusions</u> impact the broader context. Consequences, significance, and /or implications clearly articulated and directions are considered.</p>	<p>The outcomes, consequences and implications are adequately explored and demonstrate a <u>reasoned</u> understanding of how the conclusions impact the broader context. Consequences, significance, and /or implications are generally articulated and some logical next steps are</p>		