



## Aims

This subject is designed to take students from many backgrounds and language settings and give them the skills necessary to successfully study a range of subjects at an Australian university. Critical thinking specifically addresses learning areas to assist students who have had little exposure to western style education and whose first language is not English. To this end, students are taught concepts and methodologies that promote the development of independent analytical thinking skills via lecture listening, note taking and interactive tutorial style classes.

## Learning outcomes

After successfully completing this subject students should be able to:

- > Identify and use the skills of argument and reasoning
- > Clearly communicate arguments and positions
- > Identify strengths, weaknesses and fallacies in arguments
- > Construct and present cogent arguments
- > Assess and evaluate sources for credibility
- > Obtain, critically analyse and evaluate information from a variety of sources
- > Develop an understanding of deductive arguments, inductive argument and abductive arguments
- > Write and present information to meet a range of academic requirements.

## Prerequisites and assumed knowledge

There are no prerequisites or assumed knowledge for this subject.

## Subject content

Week	Topic and assessment schedule
1	Orientation week
2 – 5	Argument
6 – 9	Mapping arguments
10	Essay writing
Break	
11 – 16	Deduction
17	Revision
18	SWOTVAC
19	Exam Week
20	Exam review
Break	
21 – 24	Perception and memory
25 – 26	Induction
29	SEARCH formula
30	Essay planning and writing
Break	
31 – 35	Research project
36	Revision. SWOTVAC
37 – 38	Exams
39	Graduation and transcript collection
40	End of course



## Assessment

General weightings for each assessment item are outlined below

Assessment item	Weighting	Due dates
Test 1	2%	Week 4
Test 2	6%	Week 7
Essay	8%	Week 11
Test 3	8%	Week 13
Test 4	8%	Week 16
Exam	9%	As per College examination timetable
Essay 2	5%	Week 23
Test 5	5%	Week 27
Essay 3	8%	Week 30
Research project	13%	Week 35
Class participation	8%	Continuous
Final examination	20%	As per College examination timetable