| **PROFESSOR:** | **PHONE NUMBER:** |
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1. **COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE, CATALOG DESCRIPTION, CREDITS:**

**PHI 2103 CRITICAL THINKING (3 CREDITS)**

A course in practical reasoning designed to sharpen abilities at analyzing, evaluating, and constructing arguments. To assist in decision-making, there will be an appraisal of the evaluation of evidence, practice in the detection of fallacies and irrelevancies, and the testing of arguments for validity and reliability. Students will also learn to examine assumptions, question Socratically, and analyze experiences and perspectives. These strategies will be applied to a number of real life situations.

1. **PREREQUISITES FOR THIS COURSE:**

None

**CO-REQUISITES FOR THIS COURSE:**

None

1. **GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION:** Topic Outline.

* Informal and formal fallacies
* Methods for the evaluation and construction of arguments
* Arguments as distinguished from other kinds of statements and persuasive devices
* Evidence and how to appraise it
* Types of sources of information in contemporary society
* Prejudice and bias
* Human psychology and its effect on reasoning
* Types of reasoning

1. **All courses at Florida SouthWestern State College contribute to the general education program by meeting one or more of the following general education competencies:**

**C**ommunicate clearly in a variety of modes and media.

**R**esearch and examine academic and non-academic information, resources, and evidence.

**E**valuate and utilize mathematical principles, technology, scientific and quantitative data.

**A**nalyze and create individual and collaborative works of art, literature, and performance.

**T**hink critically about questions to yield meaning and value.

**I**nvestigate and engage in the transdisciplinary applications of research, learning, and knowledge.

**V**isualize and engage the world from different historical, social, religious, and cultural approaches.

**E**ngage meanings of active citizenship in one’s community, nation, and the world.

**A.**  **General Education Competencies and Course Outcomes**

1. Listed here are the course outcomes/objectives assessed in this course which play an *integral* part in contributing to the student’s general education along with the general education competency it supports.

General Education Competency: **Communicate**

Course Outcomes or Objectives Supporting the General Education Competency Selected:

* Analyze, evaluate, and construct arguments.
* Distinguish arguments from rhetoric, statements of opinion, emotional appeals, and psychological manipulation.
* Differentiate between relevant and irrelevant evidence.
* Evaluate whether a source of information is reliable or not.
* Identify and distinguish a variety of formal and informal fallacies in argumentation.
* Relate the course material to life outside the classroom

2.  Listed here are the course outcomes/objectives assessed in this course which play a *supplemental* role in contributing to the student’s general education along with the general education competency it supports.

General Education Competency: **Think**

Course Outcomes or Objectives Supporting the General Education Competency Selected:

* Identify and analyze sources that can lead us to commit errors in reasoning.
* Identify and analyze prejudice, cultural assumptions, and bias.
* Resist the urge for quick and easy answers.
* Engage with the course material on a personal level
* Demonstrate willingness to inhabit the position of another.

1. **DISTRICT-WIDE POLICIES:**

**Programs for Students with Disabilities**

Florida SouthWestern State College, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the College’s guiding principles, offers students with documented disabilities programs to equalize access to the educational process. Students needing to request an accommodation in this class due to a disability, or who suspect that their academic performance is affected by a disability should contact the Office of Adaptive Services at the nearest campus. The office locations and telephone numbers for the Office of Adaptive Services at each campus can be found at <http://www.fsw.edu/adaptiveservices>.

**REPORTING TITLE IX VIOLATIONS**

Florida SouthWestern State College, in accordance with Title IX and the Violence Against Women Act, has established a set of procedures for reporting and investigating Title IX violations including sexual misconduct.  Students who need to report an incident or need to receive support regarding an incident should contact the Equity Officer at [equity@fsw.edu](mailto:equity@fsw.edu).  Incoming students are encouraged to participate in the Sexual Violence Prevention training offered online.  Additional information and resources can be found on the College’s website at <http://www.fsw.edu/sexualassault>.

1. **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STUDENTS:**

List specific course assessments such as class participation, tests, homework assignments, make-up procedures, etc.

1. **ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

The professor’s specific policy concerning absence. (The College policy on attendance is in the Catalog, and defers to the professor.)

1. **GRADING POLICY:**

Include numerical ranges for letter grades; the following is a range commonly used by many faculty:

| 90 - 100 | = | A |
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| 80 - 89 | = | B |
| 70 - 79 | = | C |
| 60 - 69 | = | D |
| Below 60 | = | F |

(Note: The “incomplete” grade [“I”] should be given only when unusual circumstances warrant. An “incomplete” is not a substitute for a “D,” “F,” or “W.” Refer to the policy on “incomplete grades.)

1. **REQUIRED COURSE MATERIALS:**

(In correct bibliographic format.)

1. **RESERVED MATERIALS FOR THE COURSE:**

Other special learning resources.

1. **CLASS SCHEDULE:**

This section includes assignments for each class meeting or unit, along with scheduled Library activities and other scheduled support, including scheduled tests.

1. **ANY OTHER INFORMATION OR CLASS PROCEDURES OR POLICIES:**

(Which would be useful to the students in the class.)