Critical Thinking Minor

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CRITICAL THINKING MINOR

Critical thinking skill is the ability to construct, evaluate and explain our thoughts and our views of the world in a logical and rational manner. This skill assists us to analyze, understand, and respond others' thoughts correctly and efficiently. The Critical Thinking Minor is intended for students interested in the critical, analytical and philosophical dimensions of business, social science, natural science, arts, humanities or history. The program provides them with the training in critical and philosophical thinking skills so as to enable each of them to play an active role in a wide variety of academic, professional or commercial workplaces.

Core (choose 3 credits)
PHIL 110 Logic and Critical Thinking (3)
PHIL 112W Scientific Reasoning (3)

Elective

Students must take one 3-credit PHIL course. In addition, students must take four courses (12 credits) from one of the following five areas.

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AREA 1: For those interested in the critical, analytical and philosophical dimensions of natural science (choose 12 credits from the following)
PHIL 101W Philosophical Problem: The Mind-Body Problem (3)
PHIL 420 Epistemology (3)
PHIL 430 Metaphysics (3)
PHIL 474 Philosophy of the Mind (3)
PHIL 475 Philosophical Issues in Cognitive Science (3)
PHIL 476 Philosophy of Perception (3)
PHIL 480 Philosophy of Science (3)
PHIL 481 Philosophy of Biology (3)

AREA 2: For those interested in the critical, analytical, and philosophical dimensions of the humanities (choose 12 credits from the following list. At least 9 credits must be 300-400 level)
PHIL 115W Philosophy of Race, Class and Gender (3)
PHIL 120W Introduction to Ethics (3)
PHIL 205W Culture, Identity, and Diversity (3)
PHIL 358W Topics in Asian Philosophy (3)
PHIL 361 Philosophy of Religion (3)
PHIL 445 Feminist Philosophy (3)
PHIL 455 Existentialism & Phenomenology (3)
PHIL 460 Philosophy of the Arts (3)
PHIL 465 Philosophy of Film (3)
PHIL 476 Philosophy of Perception (3)
PHIL 482 Philosophy of Social Science (3)

AREA 3: For those interested in the critical, analytical, and philosophical dimensions of the social sciences (choose 12 credits from the following list. At least 9 credits must be 300-400 level)
PHIL 115W Philosophy of Race, Class and Gender (3)
PHIL 205W Culture, Identity, and Diversity (3)
PHIL 240W Law, Justice & Society (3)
PHIL 321W Social & Political Philosophy (3)
PHIL 322W Ethical Theory (3)
PHIL 420 Epistemology (3)
PHIL 440 Philosophy of Law (3)
PHIL 445 Feminist Philosophy (3)