Philosophy 4 “Critical Thinking”
Section 9
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TR 7:30-8:45 am
MND-1026

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Catalog Description: Study of the basic skills of good reasoning needed for the intelligent and responsible conduct of life. Topics include: argument structure and identification, validity and strength of arguments, common fallacies of reasoning, use and abuse of language in reasoning, principles of fair play in argumentation.

Assignments: This course will require a series of short papers (3-5 pages) over the length of the course to the equivalent, in total, of an in-depth research paper (approximately 30 pages).

Grading: Students will be graded on attendance, class participation, and their written work. The short papers should demonstrate: (1) originality of thought; (2) coherence of exposition; and (3) clarity of expression.
