



CRITICAL THINKING

The process of reflection, reasoning and imagining through which the individual willingly, systematically and habitually examines and explores statements, problems, issues, beliefs and social constraints.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS UC STUDENTS ACHIEVE IN THE AREA OF CRITICAL THINKING:

Associate Degree: *Foundational Skills and Knowledge*

- Identifies, categorizes and distinguishes among ideas, concepts, theories and practical approaches to problems
- Identifies and appropriately cites information
- Self-reflects on problem-solving thought processes

Baccalaureate Degree: *Advanced Skills and Knowledge*

- Evaluates theories and approaches to complex standard and non-standard problems within his or her major field
- Constructs, and is able to defend, solutions to discipline-specific problems

Graduate Degree

Synthesis and Application of Skills and Knowledge at the Professional level

- Justifies and clearly articulates the solution to a problem in a professional manner
- Analyzes, articulates, and evaluates own thought processes for continual improvement

