**Critical Thinking Requirements at LMC- What should you take, and why?**

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| **English 220** | **English 221** | **English 230** | **Philosophy 110** | **Philosophy 210** | **Speech 120** |
| Have you ever wondered how you are influenced by the messages in popular culture? Should you believe what you read, hear or see in the media? We are surrounded by arguments every day, and it can be difficult to discern which arguments are valid. In this media-rich course, you will develop critical thinking skills as you interpret, evaluate, analyze, and criticize ideas encountered in academic readings, popular culture, and current events.   * Nonfiction reading on controversial issues. * Visual/multimedia emphasis. * Less essay-writing, but added oral presentations / research projects. | What do a laundry detergent ad, a presidential campaign speech, a case made by a lawyer in a courtroom, a sales pitch made by an advertising agency to a potential client, a protest in favor of raising the minimum wage, a column in the Experience, a sexual advance, the heated words of a TV pundit, and some article you had to read in English 100 all have in common? They are all arguments: someone is trying to persuade you, using some sort of reasoning, evidence, appeal to your emotions, or some other rhetorical device. English 221 is an advanced composition class (meaning you work on your writing skills) that focuses on arguments: reading and analyzing them, evaluating them, and writing your own.   * 3 or 4 major essays. * Nonfiction reading on controversial issues. * Sort of like Eng 100, but more advanced, with argument analysis / critical thinking curriculum | Is there truth in fiction? Every well-rounded, educated person needs to be familiar with some of the great works of literature - short stories, poems, plays, novels - and this course gives you that opportunity, while continuing to develop your skills in critical reading, thinking, writing and research   * Combines introduction to literature (fiction, poetry, plays), advanced composition, and argument analysis/critical thinking. * About 4 major essays. * What’s changed? Argument analysis/critical thinking component is new. | Some people believe that former president George Bush masterminded the 9-11 bombing, that global warming is a hoax and that plastic water bottles cause cancer. Perhaps you are one of these people. Would you be willing to test your beliefs? Introduction to Critical Thinking and Composition will challenge students to analyze arguments to determine what makes for a good argument, learning the skills necessary to sort out the truth and present well-structured written arguments.   * Fulfills transfer requirements for both critical thinking *and* second-semester composition (IGETC Area 1B, CSU GE Area A3). * More emphasis on argumentative logic (e.g. deductive arguments, argument by analogy). * A series of 6-8 shorter (but challenging) argument analysis papers. * What’s changed? Composition has been added. | This course introduces students to symbolic logic, through the study of propositional logic (the logic of sentences) and predicate logic (the logic of classes and relations). This will include, symbolizing sentences, semantic methods such as truth tables, synaptic methods such as proofs and an introduction to metalogic. | We all love to argue -- want to learn how to do so formally? In this class, you will study the principles of argumentation theory through lecture and class debates. We will be researching and analyzing current events, ethical and philosophical issues that affect our world and learning how to persuade an academic audience. It isn't what you know it's what you can prove! Take the argumentation challenge and prepare to become an agent of change or a reasonable citizen in our world. |
| **CSU ONLY**  CSU-GE Area A3 | **CSU & UC**  CSU-GE Area A3  IGETC Area1B | **UC ONLY**  *IGETC Area 1B* | **CSU & UC**  *CSU-GE Area A3*  *IGETC Area1B* | **CSU ONLY**  *CSU-GE Area A3* | **CSU ONLY**  *CSU-GE Area A3* |
| * Fulfills **SFSU** & **SJSU** 2nd yr Writing Comp. requirement | * Fulfills **SFSU** & **SJSU** 2nd yr Writing Comp. requirement | * Fulfills **UC Berkeley’s** Reading & Composition requirement * Fulfills **SFSU** & **SJSU** 2nd yr Writing Comp. requirement\* * CSU-GE Area C2   \**Only if using IGETC* |  |  | * Can also be used to complete CSU Area A1 or IGETC Area 1C (no double-counting) |