COURSE TITLE: Critical Thinking

COURSE NUMBER: PHI 310

I. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The student will be able to:

1. Learn to *analyze* and *critically* evaluate ideas, arguments, and points of view
2. Learn to *apply* course material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions)
3. Develop a clearer understanding of, and commitment to, personal values
4. Understand that critical thinking is influenced by such factors as assumptions, environment, purpose, background, race, and culture, and that critical thinking must be practiced in all arenas throughout one’s lifetime.
5. Identify issues, ideas, assumptions, and problems in particular situations or texts.
6. Apply critical thinking skills to multiple forms of expression, such as written material, film, music and art.
7. Apply critical thinking skills to different areas of life, such as media, gender, culture, and academia.
8. Respond to issues orally and in writing while showing an understanding of the principles of critical thinking.