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Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet - University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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Check all appropriate lines and complete all information. Use a separate cover sheet for each course proposal and/or program proposal.

1. Course Proposals (check all that apply)

New Course Course Prefix Change Course Deletion
 Course Revision Course Number and/or Title Change Catalog Description Change

Current course prefix, number and full title: *PHIL 101 Informal Logic: Methods of Critical Thinking*

Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing: *PHIL 101 Critical Thinking*

2. Liberal Studies Course Designations, as appropriate

This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course (please mark the appropriate categories below)

Learning Skills Knowledge Area Global and Multicultural Awareness Writing Intensive (include W cover sheet)

Liberal Studies Elective (please mark the designation(s) that applies – must meet at least one)

Global Citizenship Information Literacy Oral Communication
 Quantitative Reasoning Scientific Literacy Technological Literacy

3. Other Designations, as appropriate

Honors College Course Other: (e.g. Women's Studies, Pan African)

4. Program Proposals

Catalog Description Change Program Revision Program Title Change New Track
 New Degree Program New Minor Program Liberal Studies Requirement Changes Other

Current program name: _____

Proposed program name, if changing: _____

5. Approvals	Signature	Date
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)		4/15/12
Department Chairperson(s)		4/19/12
College Curriculum Committee Chair		5/2/12
College Dean		5/10/12
Director of Liberal Studies (as needed)		10/18/12
Director of Honors College (as needed)		
Provost (as needed)		
Additional signature (with title) as appropriate		
UWUCC Co-Chairs		10/23/12

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I. New Catalogue Name

PHIL 101 Critical Thinking

3 class hours, 0 lab hours, 3 credits
(3c- 0l-3cr)

Prerequisites: None

An introduction to basic principles of informal logic and critical thinking. Emphasis on different kinds of arguments, methods of argument evaluation, and the analysis of arguments as they arise in various contexts, such as political debate, advertising, science, law, and ethics.

II. Proposed Changes

Old Number/Title: PHIL 101 Informal Logic: Methods of Critical Thinking

The name of this course is being changed.

III. Rationale

"Informal Logic" is a term that has fallen somewhat out of favor among various philosophers these days as the preferred name for this type of course. "Formal Logic", as studied in our PHIL 221 Symbolic Logic does make sense as description of the content, as there is a formalized system that is used and analyzed. The term "informal logic", though, still has enough resonance and common usage to convey some information to students. Yet because the course is really devoted to critical thinking it seemed best to highlight that fact with the name change. Additionally, some 'formal logic' is also covered in this course, which is another reason to not use "Informal Logic" in the official title, as that would be confusing or misleading at best. So, to give students a better sense of what we have always covered (the content of which is not being changed) we thought it better to go for a less cumbersome, more accurate title.