



The Critical Thinking Initiative Online

Level I Learning Objectives and Outcomes

The Critical Thinking Initiative's online interactive experience for students frees educators from being solely responsible for teaching critical thinking. Despite widespread belief in the importance of critical thinking, including the 95% of CEOs who consider critical thinking to be "more important" than a job applicant's major (AACU 2013), the research on student critical thinking reveals a disturbing picture: U.S. students rank among the bottom of their counterparts in developed countries in problem solving ability (OECD, 2016). The Stanford History Group deemed students' abilities to "reason about information" as "bleak." And one researcher called whatever gains college students might make in critical thinking as "tragically meager" (Possin, 2016). Recognizing the imperative in today's culture that students develop critical thinking skills, *The Critical Thinking Initiative's* interactive online experience grants all students access to the same unique, neuro-biologically rooted system that raised critical thinking outcomes by over 300% at a major university.

Program Details

Overall student experience: 2.5 hours (approx.)

Learning Objectives

- ✓ The neuro-biologically driven reasons why students are natural critical thinkers, and the reasons they do not apply their critical thinking skills in academia
- ✓ The three essential critical thinking mindsets
 - *Smart is better than right.*
 - *Put your beliefs aside and follow the evidence.*
 - *Don't be a critic.*
- ✓ Five cognitive aptitudes: *analyzing, questioning, evaluating, complicating, and concluding*
- ✓ Process for and *practice in* applying the five aptitudes when researching, reading, and writing
- ✓ A step-by-step guided experience through writing their *own* unique critical thinking essay
- ✓ How to apply *The Critical Thinking Initiative's Core System* to *any discipline, field of study, or assignment*

Educators will receive the following outcomes

- ✓ Short-response test results verifying student understanding of key concepts and mindsets
- ✓ A short, unique essay that demonstrates the *learned application* of *The Critical Thinking Initiative's Core System*

Support

In addition to free tutorials on how to integrate *The Critical Thinking Initiative's Core System* in all aspects of coursework, *The Critical Thinking Initiative* is always available for direct consultation. Two free podcasts, *The Critical Thinking Initiative* and *Smarterer*, are also always available.

Pricing

Given the current need for online learning opportunities, educational pricing is set at *90% off* the retail cost when students purchase the program as assigned by any academic institution: \$29.95/student. Further discounts are also available for institutions that purchase the program wholesale.

Preview the program free at TheCriticalThinkingInitiative.org

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