

# Critical Thinking Syllabus

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## Instructor Information

### Instructor

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### Location & Days/Hours

Atlanta, GA Area - 2.5 Days

## General Information

### Description

This critical thinking program focuses on learning the difference between argumentation and critical thinking. The session will clarify what critical thinking is and what it is not. One of the questions addressed in this program is, why human beings seem to look at external factors first when impacted by an event versus within themselves. Additionally, participants will learn a critical thinking process they can use for any issue or idea put in front of them.

### Expectations and Goals

1. Each person will fully understand the reasons why critical thinking is significant and how to deal with the controversy they will face when moving beyond opinions and power talk.
2. Participants will learn how to hunt down assumptions that drive their actions.
3. Research and validate the level of accuracy of assumptions.'
4. Participants will master looking at assumptions from various perspectives and understand the type of assumptions people make.

## Course Materials

### Required Materials

- Bring a laptop with Microsoft Office Suite and access to Google Chrome.
- Pad and Pen for note taking.
- Be prepared to share an example of a policy or decision affecting you that you believe will be disruptive to you or your organization and you are unsure why it is taking place.

### Suggested Text

- **Your Deceptive Mind:** A Scientific Guide to Critical Thinking Skills, by The Great Courses, Author: Steven Novella
- **The Unlimited Mind:** Master Critical Thinking, Make Smarter Decisions and Control Your Impulses, the Internet (Amazon), Author: Zoe McKey
- **Teaching for Critical Thinking:** Tools and Techniques to Help Students Question Their Assumptions, Josey-Bass, Author: Stephen D. Brookfield
- **The Art of Critical Decision Making (Part 1):** A Series of Lectures, by The Teaching Company, Author: Michael A. Roberto