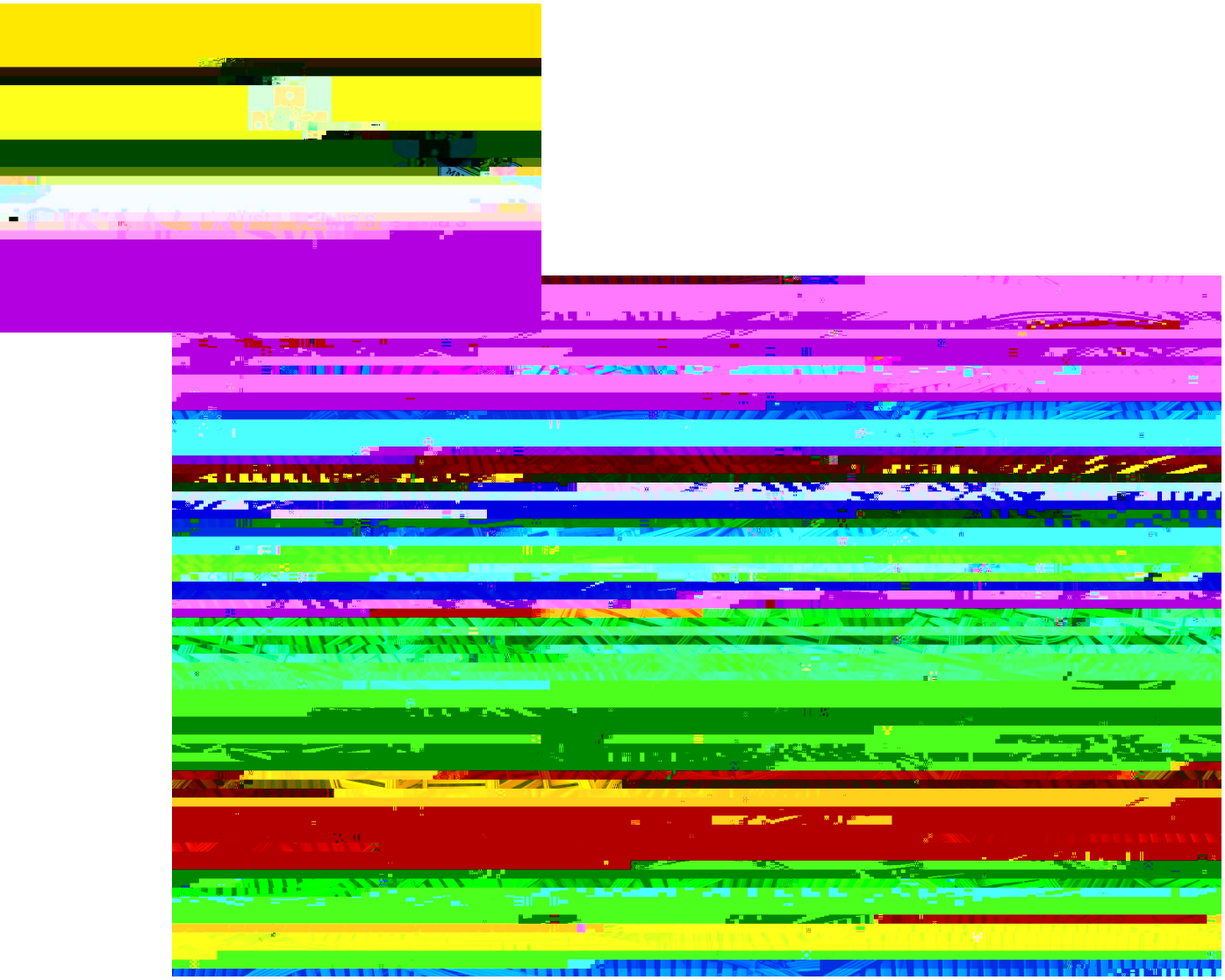

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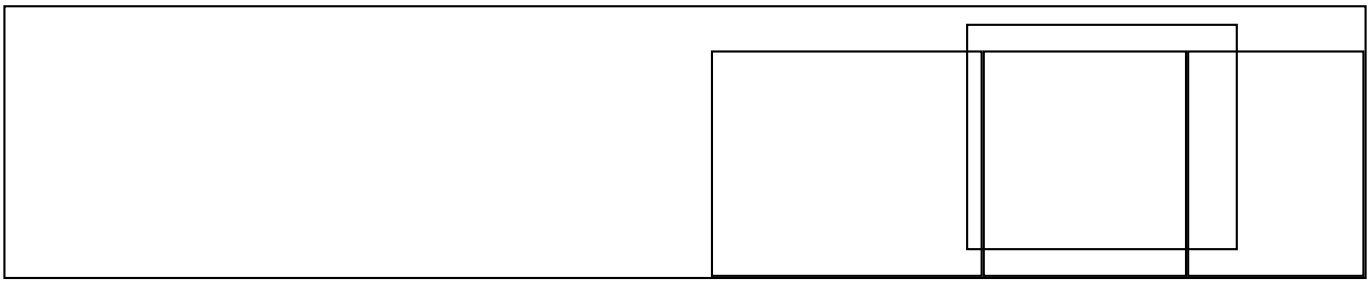

Course Details

Credit Points 6

Summary of the Course

Subject Area: *Nfgjmqmnfw*

Critical Thinking is a skill that allows you to evaluate, analyse and synthesise information gathered by observation, experience, reflection and communication. In a world that is saturated with information, critical thinking is crucial in deciding what to believe and what to do. As such critical thinking skills are essential to the conduct of a responsible and meaningful life, a successful professional career and successful studies. Critical thinking skills include knowing how to identify and assess arguments, how to construct your own good and persuasive arguments and how to communicate them, and how to recognise common pitfalls of reasoning and rhetorical tricks meant to mislead you. This course draws on examples from politics and policy debates, media and communication as well as ordinary life. It provides tools that can be useful in any program of study.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Use a variety of techniques to identify and reconstruct arguments.
2. Use a variety of techniques to assess the quality of reasoning.
3. Analyse, and assess different types of reasoning.
4. Construct logically structured and clearly expressed arguments.
5. Recognise and explain common pitfalls of everyday reasoning.
6. Seek out, identify, and synthesise information in order to defend or criticise a thesis or point of view.

Teaching Strategies

This course uses an online mode of delivery, through a mix of recorded lectures and interactive online activities. Lectures will present new material. Students will then ‰ ‰ ‰

Assessment

Assessment Tasks

Assessment task	Weight	Due Date	

Submission of Assessment Tasks

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