

MID-WESTERN UNIVERSITY, FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT
 MASTER IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA), SYLLABUS 2072 (2016)

Course Title		Critical Thinking
Course Code Number		MGT 512
Credit Hours		03
Year: I		Semester: I
Course Objectives:		
Main Objectives		The major objective of this course is to develop in MBA Graduates analytical skills to explore and correctly identify the real world business problem and pursue suitable solutions in both qualitative and quantitative approaches.
Enabling Objectives		As learning outcomes of this course, the MBA graduates will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and apply correct framework of analytical thinking as the means of gaining knowledge • Study problems critically and creatively for superior decision making and best possible solutions • Generate self-awareness on relevancy and prominence of an issue pertaining to a matter under consideration and • Develop reasoning ability for reaching at the suitable solutions to the problems in different contexts
Learning Unit (LU)	Learning Hours (LH)	Contents
LU 1	10	Introduction to Critical Thinking Introduction, Definition, Objectives of Critical Thinking, Components of Critical Thinking, Thinking skills, Core critical thinking skills, Characteristics of critical and uncritical thinkers, Misconception about critical thinking, Enquiry skills used in critical thinking, Fallacious reasoning
LU 2	8	Creativity Concept and Approaches Introduction, Features of creativity, components of creativity, Types of creativity, Creativity in action, Abilities of the creativity, Six-trait Snowflake model of creativity, Creative process, Barriers to creativity, abilities of a creative person, Stages in Creative Problem-solving process, Creative thinking
LU 3	8	Decision Theory Introduction, Types of decisions, Decision making environments, Decision making styles, Decision Theories, Individual versus Group decision making
LU 4	6	Interactive Decision Approach (Game Theory) Introduction, Two persons zero sum game, Pure strategies and mixed strategies
LU 5	6	Problem Solving Critical thinking of problem identification and formulation, Cognitive process involved in problem recognition, Factors affecting problem formulation, Problem solving process, Methods of problem solving
LU 6	5	Simulation Introduction, Definition, Steps of simulation process, Monte Carlo Simulation
LU 7	5	Fuzzy Logic Introduction and characteristics of Fuzzy logic, Application of Fuzzy logic, Judgmental biases and Corrective procedures

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References	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Shrestha, Sunity et.al ,Critical Thinking and Decision Making , Kathmandu: Buddha Publication2. Lohani, Shreedhar et.al critical and creative thinking, Educational Enterprises Pvt. Ltd; 2000.3. S.P. Robbins and D.A. De Cenzo (2001) Fundamental of Management , New Delhi: Pearson Education4. Sharma J.K. (2004) Quantitative Techniques for Management Decision , New Delhi: Mac Millian India ltd
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Net Contact Hour is 48 excluding the exams and tests.

Evaluation Module: 50 percent will be assessed through the internal evaluation and 50 percent will be assessed through end semester examination