

PHI 108.02 | Logical and Critical Reasoning  
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The course is designed to introduce and familiarize students with the skill of recognizing, analyzing, and constructing arguments. This will be done through the critical thinking approaches of formal and informal logic(s). We will inquire into what constitutes an argument, how we justify arguments, what makes evidence relevant, how to evaluate arguments, and other related questions. This course is only minimally a lecture course, so students will be expected to come to class having done the reading and prepared to discuss and work through the material.

Rodin, Auguste. *The Thinker*. Bronze, modeled ca. 1880, cast ca. 1910, The MET: European Sculpture and Decorative Arts (11.173.9), New York, NY. (Public domain, <https://www.metmuseum.org/art/collection/search/191811>)