



COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

FALL 2016

COURSE NUMBER: COB 111-02

COURSE TITLE: Critical Thinking

INSTRUCTOR: Dr. Guclu Atinc

TEXTBOOK: Keys to Success – Quick. Carter, C., Bishop, J. and Kravits, S.L. (2012). ISBN 978-0-13-254171-8.

Student Planner

COURSE DESCRIPTION: COB 111 prepares students for optimal success at the university and beyond by motivating them to develop skills, knowledge and behaviors that will create confident, self-sufficient learners.

PREREQUISITE: No prerequisite is required. However, students are expected to take this class with enthusiasm to learn.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

University

- Understand and demonstrate critical thinking skills through asking and answering higher level questions and solving increasingly complex problems.
- Construct well written papers with minimum grammar and syntax errors and understand the importance of excellent written and verbal communication.
- Exhibit improved listening, reading, and speaking skills.
- Exhibit higher levels of academic skills that will lead to success at TAMU-C, such as organization, time management, note taking, and study skills.
- Understand and apply the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully navigate university life, including developing a degree plan and calculating a grade point average.

- Develop a deeper understanding of globalization and how the interconnected world affects them.

College of Business

- Develop a deeper understanding of the career paths available to majors/graduates from the College of Business.
- Understand and apply entrepreneurial mind-set skills including: Opportunity alertness, pursuit of best opportunities, risk mitigation, resource leveraging, conveying a vision, innovating, passion, persistence and tenacity, creative problem-solving, guerilla behavior, optimism, learning from failure, focus on execution – specifically adaptive execution; create and sustain networks of relationships (rather than going it alone).

CLASS MEETING: Tuesdays 3:30-5:30 p.m.

CLASS LOCATION: McDowell Administration 243

TEACHING METHOD: Lecture, case studies, in-class activities, discussions

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OFFICE HOURS: Wednesdays 2:00-5:00 p.m. (other times by appointment)

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Attendance is mandatory and will be recorded daily. For the first absence, there will not be any penalty. For each absence after that, there will be a deduction of 3 percent from the final calculated percentage grade. Any officially documented and university excused absence will not result in point deduction. Students who leave early without advance notice to the instructor and sleeping during the class session will be marked as absent.

MAKE-UP POLICY: Unless there is an officially documented reason for missing an exam, no make-up exams will be given.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Office of Student Disability Resources and Services, Texas A&M-Commerce, Gee Library, Room 132 – Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835 – Fax (903) 468-8148 – StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT: All students will follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. See Student's Guidebook at <http://www.tamuc.edu/CampusLife/documents/studentGuidebook.pdf>. Plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty are not tolerated. Instructors "are expected to uphold and support student integrity and honesty by maintaining conditions that encourage and enforce academic honesty. Conduct that violates generally accepted standards of academic honesty is "Academic dishonesty." It includes, but is

not limited to, plagiarism (the appropriation or stealing of the ideas or words of another and passing them off as one's own), cheating on exams or other course assignments, collusion (the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing course assignments), and abuse (destruction, defacing, or removal) of resource material.” See 13.99.99.R0.03 Plagiarism

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.03Plagiarism.aspx>

Penalties for students guilty of academic dishonesty could include failing this course, disciplinary probation, suspension, and expulsion.

COURSE COMMUNICATION: Students are required to check their e-mail at least once a day for class information. The primary mode of communication in this class will be e-mail messaging. You should also check the eCollege platform for announcements, to access the course documents via Doc Sharing, post comments on the discussion board, and to check your grades. All the audio and video files will be uploaded to eCollege.

CAMPUS CONCEALED CARRY:

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations. For a list of locations, please refer to (<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>) and/or consult your event organizer). Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

UNIVERSITY nondiscrimination statement:

A&M-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

EVALUATION:

Component Title	Percent
Writing Assignments (3)	15
Attend at least 4 University/Campus Sponsored Events or Activities	15
Final Exam	15
Activities and Assignments	30
Social Entrepreneurship Project for Lions Showcase Event and Peer Evaluation	25
Total Points Possible	100

Course Final Grade Scale

A= 100 – 90

B = 89 – 80

C = 79 – 70

D = 69 – 60

F = 59 and Below

*Assignments are due on the dates shown in the course schedule. Your work should be submitted into the appropriate dropbox in Ecollege. **No late assignments will be accepted unless you have a university approved excused absence.**

Course Requirements:

- **Writing Assignment:** Each student will prepare a concept plan, market research/marketing plan and operations/financial plan to prepare for the Lions Innovation Showcase.
- **Attend at least 4 University/Campus Sponsored Events or Activities:** Each student will attend at least 4 events on campus. One event should be a “Cultural Event” (art show, play, etc.); one should be a “University-Wide Event” (guest speaker, most COB activities, colloquium, convocation, etc.); one should be an athletic event (varsity sport or intramural sport); and one can be of the student’s choosing of any university/campus sponsored event or activity. Campus events may be found at: <https://ems.tamuc.edu/MasterCalendar/MasterCalendar.aspx>
- **Final Exam:** Each student will take an online final exam through eCollege. The exam will consist of multiple-choice, short essay, fill-in-the-blank, and true/false questions from the textbook and materials related to the course lectures and workshops.
- **Class Attendance, Participation, and Miscellaneous Activities and Assignments:**
 - ❖ Class attendance and participation is critical to your success in this course, just as it is critical for your job. The attendance policy is simple: Come to class every day. Come to class on time. Come to class prepared. The instructor reserves the right to implement punitive policies if attendance is not acceptable. You get one free absence in this class, so save use it judiciously.
 - ❖ Miscellaneous Activities and Assignments are vital to developing a support community at TAMUC. Students will be expected to complete a degree audit and plan, calculate GPA, develop a resume, maintain a planner, maintain journal/notes, complete surveys, create an e-portfolio, work in teams to run a business or service for the Lions Innovation Showcase and other assignments as the instructor sees fit.
 - ❖ Social Entrepreneurship Project for Lions Showcase Event – Students will form teams and develop a product or service to sell during the Lions Showcase event to be held at the FieldHouse, on Friday, November 18. Each team will be given seed money to start their business idea and the businesses will be run during the event. The money made from these businesses will be donated to a local organization.

Specific instructions for this assignment will be provided in the docsharing area of your course.

- ❖ eCollege – Online course access: The instructor urges students to familiarize themselves with eCollege by going through the eCollege student tutorial or orientation process (SOT). This will ensure that each student will have sufficient knowledge on how to accomplish the requirements of the course. It is NOT the Instructor’s responsibility to teach students how to use eCollege. The instructor assumes that each student has a working knowledge of eCollege and has a MyLeo e-mail address.
 - First time eCollege users: eCollege is generally very user friendly; however, should you have any questions or concerns about it, you may want to complete an eCollege orientation. You can access the online eCollege Orientation by clicking on the following link: <http://online.tamuc.org/>. The home page will give you directions on how to proceed from there. Your login is your Campus-wide ID # (CWID) and your password is the same as the one you use for your MyLeo.
 - It is strongly recommended that you perform a “Browser test” prior to the start of your course. To launch a “Browser Test,” login to eCollege, click on the “My Courses” tab, then select “Browser Test” link under Support Services.
- ❖ Technical Support: If at any time you experience technical problems (e.g. you cannot log in to the course, you cannot see certain material, etc.) please contact the eCollege Help Desk, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Help Desk can be reached by sending an e-mail to helpdesk@online.tamuc.org or by calling 1-866-656-5511. Additionally, you can click on the “Help” button located at the top of each page for more information.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Chapter	Topics	Due
1- August 29 - September 2		Welcome and Overview of Syllabus and Assignments	
2- September 5 - September 9	1&2	Welcome to College; Goals and Time; GCAA Bring a laptop if you have one	Bring planner filled with all class assignments to class
3- September 12 - September 16	1&2	Continued; GCAA Bring a laptop if you have one	Bring planner filled with all class assignments to class
4- September 19 - September 23	12	Careers <i>Guest Speaker: Career Services- College of Business</i> Select LIS groups in class	
5- September 26 - September 30	3	Learning How you Learn LIS Assignment One in class: Submit team concept plan	Resume; Due October 2 nd
6- October 3 - October 7	4	Critical, Creative and Practical Thinking; GPA Calculation, Degree Works <i>Guest Speaker: Advising- College of Business</i>	Event Paper One; Due October 9th
7- October 10 - October 14	5	Reading and Information Literacy; Portfolio GPA Quiz in class Bring a laptop if you have one	
8- October 17 - October 21	6	Listening and Note Taking LIS Assignment Two in	Event Paper Two; Due

		class: Submit team financial plan in class	October 23 rd
9- October 24 - October 28	7 & 8	Memory and Studying, Test Taking LIS Assignment Three in class: Submit team marketing plan	
10- October 31 - November 4	9	Diversity and Communication	
11- November 7 - November 11	10	Wellness and Stress Management	
12- November 14 - November 18	11	Managing Money	Event Paper Three; Due November 20 th
Friday, November 18	Lions Innovation Showcase, 10am-3pm, Field House		
13- November 21 - November 25			
14- November 28 - December 2		Lions Innovation Showcase team presentations	Event Paper Four; Due December 4 th
15- December 5 - December 9		Final Review	
16- December 12 - 16 Finals Week		Final Exam	See Schedule of classes for Final day/time
<p>Notes:</p> <p>Chapters/PowerPoints for the appropriate week need to be read/reviewed before attending class.</p> <p>Unless noted otherwise assignments are due Sunday by 11:59 p.m. to the appropriate drop box in eCollege.</p> <p>Bring your planner and appropriate note taking material to class each day.</p>			

The above schedule is tentative and subject to change throughout the semester