UCLouvain

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Information and critical thinking

The version you're consulting is not final. This course description may change. The final version will be published on 1st June.

5.00 credits

30.0 h + 30.0 h

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Language :	French			
Place of the course	Charleroi			
Main themes	This course addresses the issue of critical thinking and its application in assessing the quality of information.			
Learning outcomes	At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : Decode the mechanisms at work behind our stereotypes			
	Spot how content staging can manipulate us			
	Determine the reliability of information and its source			
	Assess and interpret the quality of a scientific approach			
	Discuss the place and limits of science today			
Evaluation methods	The evaluation will be carried out during an oral examination which will cover all the material seen online and will be based on concrete cases as discussed during the working sessions. Part of the mark will be based on participation in the working sessions.			
	The final note is made of:			
	 Participation to the online course (30%) Participation to the on site course (20%). 			
	3. Personnal essai on a choosen topic (50%)			
Teaching methods	Teaching is based on an online course accessible on the EdX platform. Participants will follow the online courses. Working sessions will be organized to implement what will have been covered in the online course.			
Content	The course consists of 7 modules.			
	Module 1: Why should you develop your critical thinking skills?			
	Module 2: Identifying your preconceptions Module 3: Decoding Speech			
	Module 3: Decoding Speech Module 4: Assessing Source Quality			
	Module 5: Understanding the scientific approach			
	 Module 6: Analyzing data, information Module 7: Being aware of the limits of science 			
Inline resources	www.edx.org			
Faculty or entity in charge	SC			

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes		
Bachelor in Computer Science	SINC1BA	5		٩		