



# UWA 2018/19 Summer School

## Introduction to Critical Thinking (PHIL1002)

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### Welcome

Thank you for your interest in UWA's annual Summer School, an additional teaching period not only designed to provide additional flexibility and teaching innovation for our existing students, but also an opportunity for members of the general public to expand knowledge in a particular area of interest, up-skill and progress their career to the next level or embark on another chapter of life-long learning.

This year's UWA Summer School runs from late November 2018 until early February 2019 and includes nearly 60 units. Our Summer School units cover a range of engaging topics across various disciplines and embed practical application and experiential learning.

I encourage you to visit [study.uwa.edu.au/summer](http://study.uwa.edu.au/summer), the UWA Summer School website for more information about all units on offer,

the enrolment process and available services.

We look forward to welcoming you to the UWA Community this summer.

**Professor Graham Brown**  
(Dean of Coursework Studies (Acting))



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# Your Unit

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**Unit Name:** Introduction to Critical Thinking (PHIL1002)

**Location:** Perth Campus

**Non-assessed Fee:** \$805.00 (Enjoy the complete educational experience but without the stress of assignments)

**Assessed Fee:** \$805.00 (Enjoy the complete educational experience, including assignments/exams and receive a final mark. The earned credit can be counted towards a future qualification at UWA)

**Dates:** 10 December 2018- 8 February 2019

**Times:** Wednesdays, 10am-12pm (Note that UWA is closed 24 December 2018 – 4 January 2019. Classes resume in w/c 7 January 2019)

Explore some of humanity's foundational questions and learn to create and analyse arguments for and against beliefs and actions.

## Description:

Engage with some truly fundamental questions: What should I believe? What should I do? Asking those questions implies that some answers are better than others, and that better answers are those supported by better "reasons". In this unit, you will learn the skills involved in analysing, creating, and evaluating arguments for and against beliefs and actions, and apply them to real cases from philosophy and other disciplines.

## Learning outcomes:

In this unit, you will:

- Explore contemporary philosophical methodologies and topics such as ethics, free will, knowledge and religion;
- Identify, evaluate, and construct philosophical arguments and texts;
- develop research skills and written and oral communication skills; and
- learn to recognise when evidence is needed to support a statement, and how to provide that evidence.

## Lecturer:

**Dr Nin Kirkham**

Dr Nin Kirkham teaches and researches philosophy in the School of Humanities. She is passionate about teaching students the basics of critical thinking and deductive logic. She believes that a grounding in philosophy and an understanding of the principles of argument is crucial, not just for broader academic success, but also for thinking about important social and political issues. Get your 2019 studies off to a great start with a Summer School unit in Philosophy.

## Contact details:

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## Summer School Logistics:

- All external applicants will receive a **parking permit** to allow them to park on-campus, free of charge. See [transport.uwa.edu.au](http://transport.uwa.edu.au) for information about parking areas, and check your permit for more details when you receive it.
- All students will receive a PHEME account and access to the online learning system (LMS), online library and course materials.
- **Free on-campus WIFI** will be available through your PHEME account.
- The **UWA Summer School Precinct** includes a number of cafes with extended opening hours during Summer School. Visit the Student Guild website for more information.
- Summer School students will have access to the Reid Library and all its facilities: computers, charging stations, electrical outlets, printers/copiers, rest areas, group study facilities, private study areas, and of course, the librarians and library staff.
- Lockers and change rooms are available in the Reid Library. Bike racks are located throughout campus. End-of-journey shower facilities are available at the Fitness Centre.
- Information about public transport and cycling to UWA can be found at [transport.uwa.edu.au](http://transport.uwa.edu.au)
- Further information, including course materials, timetable information, PHEME details, and campus maps, will be provided prior to commencement of the unit