

Critical Thinking and The Art of Making Intelligent Decisions

Using Critical Thinking Concepts and Tools For Business Executives, Managers, Decision-Makers, & Team Leaders

Experience the Benefits of a Mind In Command of Itself

Think Critically – to enhance your effectiveness in every part of your professional life. The world gets more complex every day. There is only one way to cope – through command of your mind. Thinking more effectively gives you greater control over your life, helps you deal better with adversity, and, believe it or not, transforms more of your dreams into reality. Effective thinking is no mystery. It consists of practical skills you can learn, practice and improve. Critical thinking offers those skills to anyone willing to do the work to acquire them.

In this seminar you will learn how to take your thinking apart and assess it for quality. You will discover universal standards by means of which you can assess virtually any thinking — and improve it. You will learn how to practice applying the tools of critical thinking to every day decisions, as well as to monumental ones.

Critical thinking, when deeply understood, enables you to take control of the thinking you are doing in every part of your life. It enables you to solve problems more effectively, make better decisions, as well as recognize pathological and manipulative thinking.

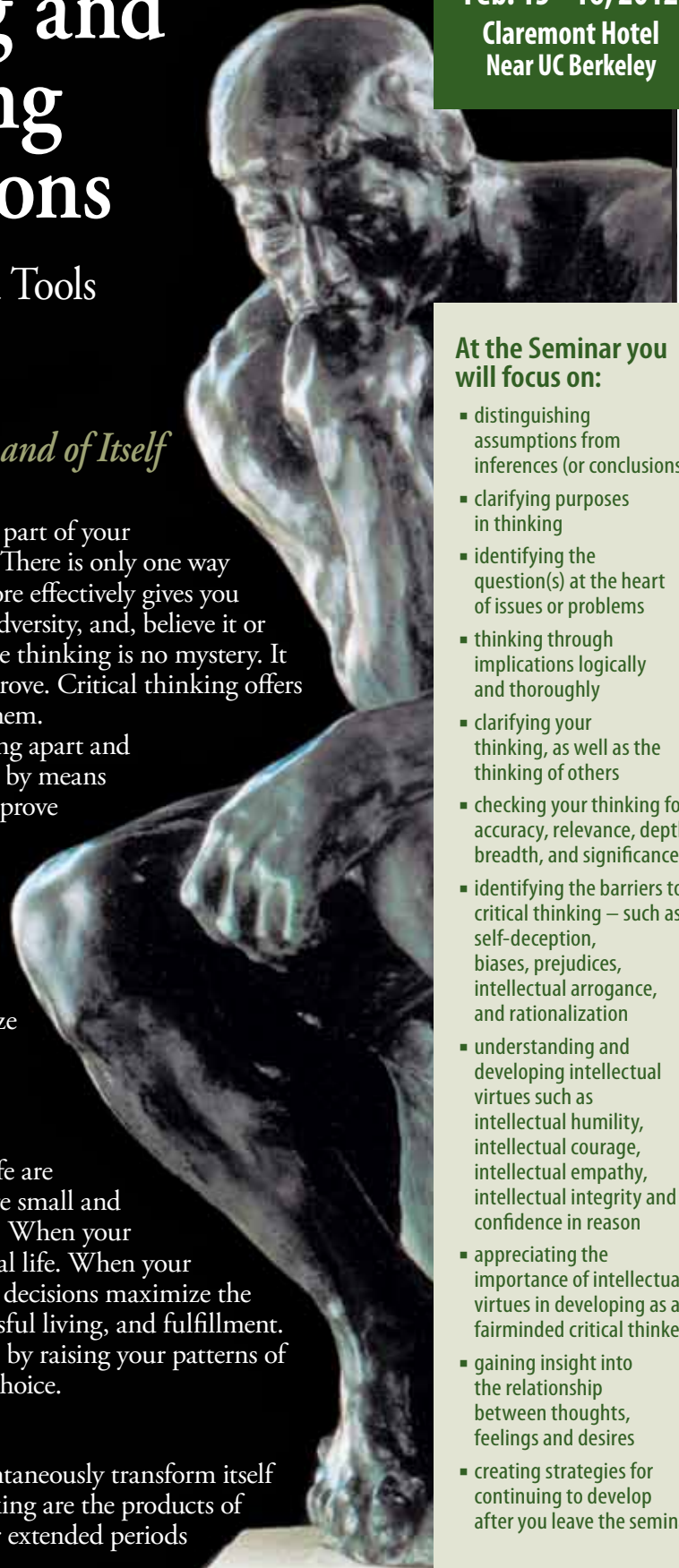
Learn to Make Better Decisions through Critical Thinking

To live is to act. To act is to decide. Everyday work and life are an endless sequence of decisions. Some of the decisions are small and inconsequential, and some are large and life-determining. When your patterns of decision-making are rational, you live a rational life. When your patterns are irrational, you live an irrational life. Rational decisions maximize the quality of your life and your chances of happiness, successful living, and fulfillment. Critical thinking improves your decision-making abilities by raising your patterns of decision-making to the level of conscious and deliberate choice.

Be Forewarned: There is No Miracle Cure

It is important to recognize that your mind cannot instantaneously transform itself through any two-day seminar. Critical and creative thinking are the products of intellectual work with progressive payoffs developing over extended periods of time. The extent to which

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A Two-Day Seminar

Feb. 15 – 16, 2012

**Claremont Hotel
Near UC Berkeley**

At the Seminar you will focus on:

- distinguishing assumptions from inferences (or conclusions)
- clarifying purposes in thinking
- identifying the question(s) at the heart of issues or problems
- thinking through implications logically and thoroughly
- clarifying your thinking, as well as the thinking of others
- checking your thinking for accuracy, relevance, depth, breadth, and significance
- identifying the barriers to critical thinking – such as self-deception, biases, prejudices, intellectual arrogance, and rationalization
- understanding and developing intellectual virtues such as intellectual humility, intellectual courage, intellectual empathy, intellectual integrity and confidence in reason
- appreciating the importance of intellectual virtues in developing as a fairminded critical thinker
- gaining insight into the relationship between thoughts, feelings and desires
- creating strategies for continuing to develop after you leave the seminar

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you internalize the tools of critical thinking will directly depend upon your level of commitment, and the time you set aside to develop your mind (just as development in any skill area, like athletics or music).

We promise no miracle cure, but we do promise you a healthy dose of the real thing: an emphasis on the elements of thought (that enable you to better analyze thinking), the intellectual standards used by all skilled thinkers (that enable you to assess thinking for quality), and the traits that perfect the human mind: intellectual humility, intellectual empathy, intellectual perseverance, and fairmindedness (that are the hallmarks of the fair-minded critical thinker).

You will develop a comprehensive vision of where you need to go and how you can (intellectually) get there. You will be introduced to everyday problems that involve the interplay of thoughts, feelings, and desires. You will develop a game plan for progressively improving the quality of your thinking. Your development will begin at the seminar, but it will be up to you to access the resources you need over time—to become a more rational, more sensitive, more ethical, more effective, and more broad-minded thinker.



In this seminar you will learn:

- Practical skills for thinking more clearly
- How to use your mind to achieve your goals and enhance your life
- How to analyze your thinking and the thinking of others
- How to assess your thinking and the thinking of others
- How to overcome obstacles to effective self-reflection
- How to become more effective in your business and personal relationships
- Strategies for continuing to develop after you leave the seminar

About us...

The Center and Foundation for Critical Thinking are sister institutions which focus on the cultivation of fairminded critical societies.

Throughout our work we emphasize and argue for the importance of cultivating critical thinking in a strong, rather than a weak, sense. We are committed to a clear and “substantive” concept of critical thinking (rather than one that is ill-defined)—a concept that interfaces well with the professions, that integrates critical with creative thinking, that applies directly to the needs of everyday life, that emphasizes the affective as well as the cognitive dimension of critical thinking, that highlights intellectual standards and traits.

All of our seminars are led by fellows of the FCT. To learn more about our fellows, visit www.criticalthinking.org or email cct@criticalthinking.org.



Hotel Information

Claremont Resort Hotel & Spa

The Claremont Resort Hotel & Spa in Berkeley, California is nestled in the Berkeley Hills overlooking the San Francisco Bay.

Our special seminar rate is \$159.00 per night.

This rate is available until January 27, 2012. When making your reservations, ask for the **Critical Thinking Group**.

For hotel reservations, call the Claremont Resort directly at

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