

Critical Thinking Interview Profile¹ for College Students

Thank you for agreeing to this interview. The purpose is to look into your development as a student and thinker. More particularly, the purpose is to determine the extent to which the tools and language of critical thinking have come to play an important part in the way you go about learning, in school and in everyday life.

- What is critical thinking?
- Are there any components of critical thinking?
- If so, what are they?
- If you were asked to analyze thinking, how would you do so?
- What standards do you use when you evaluate someone's thinking?
- What is your major and how does critical thinking apply to it?
- How does critical thinking apply to the study of Sociology and Anthropology?
- How does it apply to the study of the Arts?
- How does critical thinking apply to the study of science?
- How does critical thinking apply to the study of mathematics?
- How does critical thinking apply to the study of {insert subject}?
- Could you give me some examples of your use of critical thinking in your life?
- To what extent have your teachers encouraged you to think critically? Explain.

¹ This protocol was developed by the Foundation For Critical Thinking, www.criticalthinking.org, cct@criticalthinking.org. Permission to use this protocol is granted to all those willing to share their results with us.

