

# Critical Thinking & Holistic Learning: Library Collaborations Foster First-Year Success

**ASU Aspiration: inclusion, not exclusion. ASU Goal: 90% freshman persistence.**

## Background

ASU Academic Success Programs offer a Critical Thinking course to develop argument analysis and information literacy skills for first-year underprepared students.

## UNI 110: Critical Thinking

Curriculum emphasizes the importance of using, understanding and integrating credible evidence to support arguments.

## Information Literacy

Librarian collaboration includes instructor training and teaching students to effectively find and evaluate library resources.

## Summary

Data shows students recognize the value of critical thinking and information literacy skills and have higher confidence in their ability to find, evaluate, integrate and cite sources after taking the course.



research  
evaluating sources

individual participation evaluation  
group performance evaluation  
group position papers peer judging  
strategic outlines

### Collaborators

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