**St. Cloud State University** **General Education Goal Area 2 Designation**

Critical Reasoning

Academic Affairs Use Only:

Response Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Proposal Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Prepared by:

Phone:       Email:

2. Requesting Unit:

3. Department, Course Number, Title:

4. New Course  Existing Course

5. Will this course be flagged as a diversity course?  No

Already Designated as Diversity  Diversity Proposal Accompanying This Form

6. Will this course also satisfy another General Education Goal Area?  No  Yes

If “Yes” specify which goal area.

7. Course bulletin description, including credits and semesters to be offered:

8. Indicate the clientele for whom this course is designed. Is the course for general education only, or

does it fulfill general education and other program needs for this or another department? Obtain

signatures from any affected departments.

9. Indicate any changes that must be made in offerings or resources in your department or other

departments by offering this course.

10. For new courses or courses not yet approved for General Education, indicate any other SCSU departments

or units offering instruction that relates to the content of the proposed course.

11. Courses designated as General Education are included in the assessment plan for the Goal Area(s) for

which they are approved. Courses for which assessment is not included in the annual GE assessment

report for two years will be removed from the General Education Program.

The Requesting Unit understands and recognizes the above conditions.

12. Provide a concise explanation of how the following goal is a “significant focus” of the proposed course.

**Goal Area 2: Critical Reasoning**

Identify, analyze, and critically evaluate reasoning in a variety of domains in order to develop well founded beliefs and engage in rational and effective action.

13. In order for a course to be designated as fulfilling Goal Area 2, it must address at least 5 of the 6 student learning outcomes (SLOs) below. Check the SLOs below that are focused on in the proposed general education course.

1. Distinguish between discourse that contains reasoning and that which does not.

2. Distinguish between different types of reasoning.

3. Analyze arguments, distinguishing premises and conclusions.

4. Evaluate inductive and deductive reasoning.

5. Apply basic logical techniques.

6. Identify and avoid fallacies.

14. Discuss how each Student Learning Outcome checked above is achieved in this course. (Note: Although

descriptions of typical assignments or types of assignments may be part of this discussion, it is not

appropriate to submit copies of actual assignments.)

15. List or attach the **Course Outline** (adequately described and including percentage of time to be allocated

to each topic). Curriculum Committees may request additional information. Topics larger than 20% need

to be broken down further. Indicate in your course outline where the Student Learning Outcomes

checked above are being met.