**Critical thinking / evaluating / analysing / logical reasoning / decision making**

What do these actually mean?

* Constantly evaluating what you read, hear, think, experience and observe.
* Assessing how well ideas, statements, claims, arguments and findings are backed up so that you can make a reasoned judgement about how convincing they are.
* Understanding and identifying own strengths and weaknesses

You will develop these skills in many ways in all aspects of your life, for example:

**Academic related**

* Researching set topics for assignments and essays and assessing the usefulness and validity of the information
* Selecting the information you intend to use and utilise it as the basis for your arguments in your written work
* Formulating reasoned arguments as part of your tutorial and seminar activities
* Making judgments on other people’s theories and on concepts, based on evaluating the data and evidence provided
* Assessing each module on offer on the degree course before making a decision based on information and suitability or relevance

**Extra-curricular**

* Debate society
* Participation in committees and forums
* Academic Representative
* Making the decision to run for Sabbatical Officer
* Producing a manifesto

**Work experience**

* Considering better ways of working when things don’t run smoothly at work
* Offering reasoned and informed suggestions to an employer of ways to promote the organisation or service based on your observations and analysis or what could be improved/changed

**Other**

* Buying a house / car / item of clothing