One of HWC's Gen Ed Goals is that students learn:
"To think critically and to analyze and solve problems."

# Whaddya Know?

Source: HWC 2005-2007 Catalog (page 128)

HWC defines Critical Thinking as involving the use of analysis, interpretation, evaluation, and inference.

# Whaddya Know?

# Students demonstrate critical thinking analysis skills by:

- ~Identifying an argument;
- ~Determining bias in an argument;
- ~Relating data to an argument.

# Whaddya Know?

# Students demonstrate critical thinking interpretation skills by:

- ~Formulating categories;
- ~Classifying data;
- ~Making comparisons.

# Whaddya Know?

# Students demonstrate critical thinking evaluation skills by:

- ~Determining credibility of sources;
- ~Assessing language for clarity;
- ~Judging consistency of support.

# Whaddya Know?

# Students demonstrate critical thinking inference skills by:

- ~Collecting/questioning evidence;
- ~Developing alternative hypotheses;
- ~Drawing conclusions.

# Whaddya Know?

When students use the process of elimination, they are practicing Deduction.

# Whaddya Know?

Source: Dave Richardson's Philosophy 105 Class

When students are given true information and asked to figure out, on the basis of what's given, what else must be true, they are practicing Deduction.

# Whaddya Know?

Source: Dave Richardson's Philosophy 105 Class

When students are asked to make generalizations or predictions, they are practicing Induction.

# Whaddya Know?

Source: Dave Richardson's Philosophy 105 Class

In both 2003 and 2006, HWC students scored about equal to the national mean for other 2-year college students in Critical Thinking.

# Whaddya Know?

In both 2003 and 2006,
HWC students answered about
13 out of 34 critical thinking questions
correctly.

(Compared to a national average of 14.75 out of 34).

### Whaddya Know?

In both 2003 and 2006,
HWC students answered about
7.5 out of 17 inductive reasoning
questions correctly.

(Compared to a national average of 8.6 out of 17).

# Whaddya Know?

In both 2003 and 2006,
HWC students answered about
5.4 out of 17 deductive reasoning
questions correctly.

(Compared to a national average of 6.1 out of 17).

# Whaddya Know?

After the first critical thinking assessment, 47% of HWC full-time faculty attended a workshop to learn about teaching critical thinking skills in their classrooms.

# Whaddya Know?