

# LANG 1030 THINKING CRITICALLY ABOUT TEXTS AND SOCIETY

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 102737

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**Description** In this subject students explore the application of texts - including works of literature, philosophy and sociology/cultural studies - to our understanding of contemporary debates and challenges in order to develop critical thinking skills. Developing skills in textual analysis, this subject addresses topical issues and social problems so as to consider enduring questions such as 'What is the human?', 'What is the good life?', 'What is meaning and how do we make it?', and 'What is inequality and what should we do about it?'.

**School** Humanities & Comm Arts

**Discipline** Literature

**Student Contribution Band** HECS Band 1 10cp

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**Level** Undergraduate Level 1 subject

**Equivalent Subjects** LANG 1026 - Texts and Traditions LANG 1027 - Texts and Traditions (WSTC) LANG 1032 - Thinking Critically about Texts and Society (WSTC)

## Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Implement high level skills in textual analysis
2. Apply various disciplinary approaches to contemporary political, moral and social issues
3. Recognise and interpret theories of society and social relations
4. Identify and construct sound and cogent arguments
5. Express opinions clearly across different spoken and written genres

## Subject Content

Through the analysis of a range of texts, this subject will address one or more of the following contemporary social issues

- Work
- Technology
- Consumption
- Environment

It will do so by considering a variety of critical frames, including a combination of the following

- Australia's first nations people's histories and experiences
- Gender
- Sexuality
- Race
- Class
- Power
- Species

## Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Participation	In-class, throughout semester	10	N	Individual	Y
Quiz	Each quiz	30	N	Individual	Y
Report	1,000 words	30	N	Individual	Y
Final Exam	2 hours	30	N	Individual	Y

Teaching Periods

### Autumn (2025)

#### Bankstown City

**On-site**

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### Penrith (Kingswood)

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### Spring (2025)

#### Parramatta - Victoria Rd

**On-site**

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