

***Impact of New Critical Thinking Resources and Course Design in History
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The core history class Introduction to Military History has undergone a considerable course re-design coincident with a move to a first year course (previously History 302). As of the Fall 2010 semester, the new H100 course incorporates a concerted effort to build critical thinking skills throughout the semester. The course design forces both the student and instructor to move past the delivery of course content to the practice of component critical thinking skills. Repetition of these skills, through assignments and dedicated classroom instruction, are intended to build confidence and ability in critical thinking and making an argument. The purpose of this assessment is to validate and/or identify challenges to the new course design and approach. Data will serve as a baseline for future modifications to the course in pursuit of similar objectives.