# University of Colorado Denver

# Downtown Campus

**Core Curriculum Oversight Committee**

**Intellectual Competency Course Approval Form**

Date of Submission: Submitter’s Name:

Discipline Prefix and Course Number: (Example: ANTH 1011)

Course Title:

## Guidelines

In order to complete this form, please work from the Core learning outcomes that apply to the proposed course’s Intellectual Competency Area, either “Composition General Education Learning Outcomes and Assessment Rubric” or “Mathematics General Education Learning Outcomes and Assessment Rubric,” found [here](http://www.ucdenver.edu/student-services/resources/ue/core/Pages/CU-Learning-Outcomes.aspx).

In addition, all approved CU Denver Intellectual Competency courses must be submitted to the Colorado Commission for Higher Education (CCHE) for gtPathways review as a statewide, guaranteed-transfer general-education course. Thus the content and competency requirements developed by 2-year and 4-year faculty for the gtPathways program are useful guides in designing courses for the CU Denver Core. Please download and consult the applicable CCHE “[Content Criteria](http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/gtPathways/Criteria/content.html)” (Written Communication or Mathematics) and “[Competency Criteria](http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/gtPathways/Criteria/competency.html)” (Critical Thinking, Mathematics, Reading, Technology and/or Written Communication).

## Course Information

The course syllabus attached to this application must clearly verify that each of the responses below has been satisfied in the course. In addition, all Core-course syllabi should include on the first page a disclosure statement to inform students: “CU Denver Core course applicable toward the [fill in the blank] Core Area,” or something similar.

Please enter your responses in this document underneath each of the following questions.

1. For each of the CCOC learning outcomes for this Intellectual Competency in turn (either the Composition or Mathematics list of outcomes, and using the numbering of those), specifically describe how this course will fulfill that criterion, identifying the specific assignment(s), project(s), or activity(ies) through which that learning will be delivered.
2. Assessment data must be submitted the Office of Assessment every time the course is offered. The instructor will provide data on the number of students who are below proficient, proficient and above proficient for each of the learning outcomes. Describe your assessment plan (what data will you collect and how will you collect it).
3. Specifically describe how this course will define and teach Critical Thinking, which is required for all CU Denver Core courses and for CCHE gtPathways designation. Reference the Critical Thinking [VALUE Rubric](http://assessment.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/CriticalThinking.pdf) and/or the [gtPathways Competency Criteria](http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/gtPathways/Criteria/competency.html) for Critical Thinking. If possible, identify specific assignment(s), project(s), or activity(ies) through which that learning will be delivered. Consider how the teaching of Critical Thinking will be integrated with, or serve, the teaching of the CCOC and disciplinary learning outcomes.
4. Referencing the applicable gtPathways [content](http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/gtPathways/Criteria/content.html) and [competency](http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/gtPathways/Criteria/competency.html) criteria documents, if there are any elements listed in those that you have not already covered above, then for each of those specifically describe how this course will fulfill it and deliver that learning.
5. Referencing the CU Denver [syllabus policy](http://www.ucdenver.edu/faculty_staff/faculty/center-for-faculty-development/resources/Documents/Denver%20Campus%20Syllabus%20Policy%20and%20Template%20%286.16.15%20Revisions%29%5B2%5D.pdf), as well as the [attendance policy](http://www.ucdenver.edu/faculty_staff/employees/policies/Policies%20Library/1XXX%20Academic%20and%20Faculty%20Affairs/StudentAttendance.pdf), please confirm that you have read these and that your attached syllabus fulfills all requirements and expectations (or explain significant deviations or alternatives).

In addition, all lower-division CU Denver Core courses will be submitted to CDHE for gtPathways review, and this will require preparation of the appropriate [Nomination Forms](http://highered.colorado.gov/academics/transfers/gtPathways/Criteria/competency.html). Consult with the CCOC Chair or the Associate Vice Chancellor for Undergraduate Experiences about this after the course has received CCOC approval.