

Syllabus

Course theme

During this semester, this course teaches the rules of public forum debate, how to write a constructive speech; how to make a rebuttal, summary, and final focus speech; how to prepare for a debate tournament; how to write a college-level essay with professional citation format; and how to behave appropriately per international etiquette.

To find out a detailed course schedule please visit our website www.7debate.club and click on the "schedule" tab on the main page. Please note that the schedule is subject to change. Pay attention to any announcement on the community forum.

Communication

Forum

The most important forum for communicating in our community is our forum (<http://forum.7debate.club>) You are encouraged to use it to ask questions, request clarifications, express opinions, give advice. Check out this guide (www.7debate.club/setup.html) for forum registration.

The forum will be a great place to post most questions regarding assignments - both the community staff and other students are allowed to answer your questions. **Please try to avoid asking questions that have already been asked and answered.**

Also, please check **2020 Fall Announcement** category often. We will post all the important announcements there. Don't miss any message.

Please remember that **NEVER** post your writing in **the public** section. If you want to ask questions about your own written instead of general ideas or concepts, please use your **private** section.

Social Media Group

We will have a QQ group for casual chats. Community staff members will send notification there if any important things are going on. Again, all announcements will be on the forum. So it is absolutely fine if you don't check qq group often.

Email

We will use email to send any official documents. That is, you will receive your community offer, debate team offer (maybe next semester), grade update via community email. Please do not send homework or any questions via email because we have a great **forum**.

Grading

All community members need to keep a minimum score of **60/100**. Otherwise, we reserve the right to dismiss you from the community.

Please note that there are "drops" included in lecture&discussion participation and weekly assignment. If you have to miss a lecture or discussion, or if you catch a cold by accident, or if you forget to do the assignment, please **DO NOT** contact us. Our suggestion is, do not use the "drop" intentionally because they exist for emergency cases.

Lecture participation (10%)

There will be 10 lectures this semester, each count for 1% of the total grade. (with the lowest one dropped)

Discussion participation (30%)

There will be 7 discussion sessions this semester, each count for 5% of the total grade. (with the lowest one dropped)

Weekly assignment (30%)

During the first 8 weeks, there will be weekly assignments, each count for 5% of the total grade (with lowest two dropped)

Mock debate (30%)

Before our campus tournament, there will be three rounds of mock debate. Every community member has to attend the mock debate. No drop allowed.

Academic Integrity

For a more detailed description of our Academic Integrity Policy, please see Academic Integrity (<https://www.7debate.club/regulation.pdf>). You are responsible for the content there, but as an overview:

- Do **NOT** share your written material or copy others' written material. However, you can and **ENCOURAGED** to share ideas and resources.
- Do **NOT** directly copy text from the internet without proper citation.

Become a debate team member

Nobody applies for the debate team. We find you when you're ready. We will hold our campus tournament in early December (detailed time and place TBA). Community members with extraordinary performance will be invited to join the debate team.