

Podium Power

Debate Syllabus

Fall Semester Only

Text: No text required. Reading assignments will be online and handouts.

Materials: Debate kit (provided)

Description:

- . This is an introductory class designed to help students learn the skills needed for policy debate and prepare for an in-house debate tournament.
- . Students will learn the art of team policy debate. Skills in critical thinking, defending worthy ideas, attacking invalid ideas, persuasion and research will be developed.

Goals:

- . Gain poise and confidence when speaking before an audience or defending one's opinion
- . Improve skills in research, logic, organization, and writing
- . Learn essential debate terminology
- . Learn the structure of a policy debate

Requirements:

- . Participate in practice debates in class
- . Participate in the in-house tournament
- . Prepare 5 negative briefs for the class debate topic
- . Research a minimum of 5 websites pertaining to the resolution and post information online
- . Comply with all discipline rules
- . Complete all assignments on time and according to instructions

Resources:

- . Podium Power Online Classroom
- . Students will be given information to log on to this secure site.
- . Students need access to the Internet

Evaluation: Students will be graded on the following:

- . Tests over general debate knowledge, vocabulary, and the resolution
- . 5 negative briefs on the resolution prepared according to a specified standard
- . 5 researched websites pertaining to the resolution
- . Presentation of persuasive speech relating to the resolution
- . Participation

Activities:

- . In-house debate tournament at the end of the course.