

“The human brain starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public”

-- *George Jessel, American comedian/actor*

Imperial Valley College



Speech 180 – Spring 2014

Laura Mosier

E-mail: laura.mosier@imperial.edu Office: Room 316 760-355-6331 Office Hours: TBA

CRN 20622 R 1:30-4:40

CRN 20623 R 6:30-9:40

CRN 20624 T 8:35-11:45

CRN 20625 T 6:30-9:40

CRN 20626 W 3-6:10

Recommended Preparation: Speech 100

Required Materials:

- *On that point! An introduction to parliamentary debate.* John Meany & Kate Shuster (text)
- U.S. Constitution and Amendments (copy)
- Merriam’s New Collegiate Dictionary (Soft Cover)
- Newsfeed from a major news source
- Notebook to retain all graded course work throughout the semester

Course Description: An introduction to debate, with emphasis on the creation and refutation of arguments concerning current social, political and legal issues.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Explain how ethics and credibility impact debate and the reputation of the speaker. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)
2. Write out a case for an argumentative debate. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)
3. Write and submit five properly-worded debate propositions (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)
4. Use logos to support their arguments during the debate process. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)
5. Recognize and create sound and complete arguments. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)
6. Demonstrate an understanding of the responsibilities of the proposition and opposition teams, as well as the role of each speaker on the team. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)
7. Compile arguments and evidence to support various sides of current controversial topics. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)

Additionally, Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

Identify and create sound and complete arguments;
Explain the responsibilities of the proposition and opposition teams
Explain the role of each speaker on the team
Compile arguments and evidence to support the differing sides of current controversial topics.
Communicate more critically and both as a speaker and as a listener.
Understand 15 logical fallacies of argumentation.
Understand and discuss how Ethics and credibility impact debate.
Compare and contrast Argumentation and Persuasion.

Schedule

- Week 1 Introduction to Argumentation and Debate
- Week 2 Student Introductions and Claims
- Week 3 Lecture Ethics in Speaking/Differences in Persuasion and Argumentation
- Week 4 Training in Debate/Ethics Quiz
- Week 5 Lecture Delivery/Supporting Material
- Week 6 Debates process practice/Delivery/Support Quiz
- Week 7 Lecture Debate
- Week 8 Fallacies/Debates
- Week 9 Fallacies Quiz/Debates
- Week 10 Lecture Humor & Rebuttals
- Week 11 Five-Minute Debates/Student Critiques
- Week 12 Five-Minute Debates/Student Critiques
- Week 13 Five-Minute Debates/Student Critiques
- Week 14 Review
- Week 15 Case
- Final Exam

Evaluation of Student Progress

1. Classroom/Debate participation	35%
2. Argumentation invention and critique	20%
3. Debate preparation (knowledge of fallacies, completion of homework, group work)	20%
4. Tests/Quizzes	25%

Grades are determined by the points you EARN. The total points possible will be determined as the semester concludes. Usually, the amount ranges between 300-350 points, depending on the size of the class. **All grades will reflect the level of scholarship, initiative, attitude, cooperation, and individual improvement** demonstrated throughout the course.

The following percentages illustrate the breakdown.

- 100-91% =A Superior
- 90-81% =B Above average
- 80-71% =C Average
- 70-65% =D Below Average
- 64% or > = F

Ethics Policy: Each student is expected to maintain academic ethics and honesty in all its forms, including but, not limited to, cheating and plagiarism as defined hereafter:

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY AND STUDENT CONDUCT GUIDELINES: *Academic misconduct includes misconduct associated with the classroom, laboratory or clinical learning process. Some examples of academic misconduct are cheating and plagiarism.*

Cheating includes, but is not limited to, (a) use of any unauthorized assistance in taking quizzes, tests, assessment tests or examinations; (b) dependence upon the aid of sources beyond those authorized by the faculty member in writing papers, preparing reports, solving problems, or carrying out other assignments; or (c) the acquisition, without permission, of tests or other academic material belonging to a member of the college faculty or staff.

Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, the use of paraphrased or directly quoted published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgment. It also includes the unacknowledged use of materials prepared by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials. Information gathered from the internet and not properly identified is also considered plagiarism.

Any student found by a faculty member to have committed academic misconduct may be subject to sanctions as determined by the faculty member. Sanctions MAY include a warning, grade adjustment, and course failure.

Consequences for plagiarism include a zero on the assignment and a referral to Sergio Lopez, Dean of Student Development and Campus Events.

- Anyone who disrupts the learning process in the classroom will be referred to Sergio Lopez. Examples of disruptive behavior include the following:-Talking to others while the instructor or another person is addressing the class-Talking while students are making presentations.-Inappropriate non-verbal written behavior, Inappropriate language, etc., Leaving class early or arriving late
- Leaving class early or arriving late will count against your Classroom/Debate participation grade
- You will be dropped from the class if you miss more than two classes

- No make-up debates will be offered
- Scheduled tests will be given at the beginning of each class—No make-up tests will be offered

Discipline Policy

“Imperial Valley College is maintained for the purpose of providing students in the community with programs of instruction in higher education. The College is concerned with the fostering of knowledge, the search for truth and the dissemination of ideas. Students shall assume an obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the college’s function as an educational institution. An instructor MAY REMOVE a student for the day of removal and the next class meeting. Such action must be immediately reported to Sergio Lopez, Dean of Student Development and Campus Events. During the period of removal the student MAY NOT return without the consent of the instructor.

Accommodations Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) office as soon as possible. The DSPS office is located in the Health Sciences Building, room 2117 at 355-6312.

Note: I reserve the right to change this schedule, as necessary. It is YOUR responsibility to know about, understand and adapt to any changes that may be made to this schedule.