

Basic Course Information

Semester	Spring 2020	Instructor Name	Sabrina Worsham
Course Title & #	COMM 180: Arg & Debate	Email	sabrina.worsham@imperial.edu
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Room	315	Office	316
Class Dates	2/18/2020-6/12/2020	Office Hours	Tue/Thurs: 5:45-6:30pm (office) Wednesday: 4:30-6:30pm (office) Friday: 10:50 am -11:20 am (virtual: Facebook and Gmail)
Class Days	Friday	Office Phone #	(760) 355-6369
Class Times	11:20 AM – 2:30 PM	Office contact for emergencies	760-355-6337
Units	3 unit course		

Course Description

“An introduction to debate, with emphasis on the creation and refutation of arguments concerning current social, political, and legal issues. (CSU,UC),” IVC

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon course completion, the successful student will have acquired new skills, knowledge, and or attitudes as demonstrated by being able to:

1. Write out a case for an argumentative debate. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)
2. Write and submit five properly-worded debate propositions (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)
3. Use logos to support their arguments during the debate process. (ILO1, ILO2, ILO3, ILO4, ILO5)

Course Objectives

- “1. Create, critique, and refute arguments.
2. Identify fallacious argumentation.
3. Be familiar with the most commonly debated topics (i.e. gun control, capital punishment, legalization of prostitution, animal rights, euthanasia, etc.) and the arguments that are typically made in these debates.
4. Participate in formal classroom debates.
5. Understand the responsibilities of the proposition vs. opposition as well as the role of each speaker on the proposition and opposition teams,” IVC

Textbook & Additional Materials

Heinrichs, Jay. Thank You For Arguing: What Aristotle, Lincoln, and Homer Simpson Can Teach Us About the Art of Persuasion, revised and updated Third edition. New York: Three Rivers Press, 2017. Print. ISBN-978-0-0841-8993-4 Ebook ISBN 978-0-0841-8994-1

Three additional parliamentary packets that will be provided on Canvas or via email.

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

- In-Class Debates:** Parliamentary style debates. These debates involve topic announcement, prep time, and a full debate. Times will increase as the semester continues. You will debate with a variety of partners. You will also learn to judge debates and will judge throughout the semester.
- In-Class Activities:** In-Class Activities: These activities are done in class and help teach the basics of argument construction and debate. These activities CANNOT be made up.
- Exams:** The exams are broken into two parts. The first exam is on the textbook and basic argument construction. The second exam focuses on Parliamentary Debate. The exams will be a mix of fill-in-the-blank, short answer, essay, and application questions. The exams cover the required readings and in-class lectures.
- Debate Flow:** Flow a U.S. Collegiate parliamentary debate (45 min-1 hour). Flows are to be done by hand and are due at the BEGINNING of class on the day assigned.
- Reader's Notes:** 1 page of handwritten notes per chapter in the textbook. These notes are due at the BEGINNING of class on the day assigned. You should identify key terms, write any questions, connect to personal understanding, etc.

“Assignments: It is your responsibility to complete all assignments in a timely matter and submit them at the beginning of class. In general, NO late work will be accepted, even with documentation,” SW.

“Out of Class Assignments: The Department of Education policy states that one (1) credit hour is the amount of student work that reasonably approximates not less than one hour of class time and two (2) hours of out-of-class time per week over the span of a semester. WASC has adopted a similar requirement,” IVC

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

In Class Activities	(9@20 per week/activity) 180 points possible:
Reader's Notes	(10-20 points per RN assignment, see calendar) 160 points possible
Exams	(Exam 1-170, Exam 2-100) 270 points possible
Debates	150 points possible
Flows	140 points possible
Preps	100 points possible

Total Possible: 1000

A = 900-1000

B = 800-899

C = 700-799

D = 600-699

F = 599<

Attendance

- “A student who fails to attend the first meeting of a class or does not complete the first mandatory activity of an online class will be dropped by the instructor as of the first official meeting of that class. Should readmission be desired, the student’s status will be the same as that of any other student who desires to add a class. It is the student’s responsibility to drop or officially withdraw from the class. See General Catalog for details.
- Regular attendance in all classes is expected of all students. A student whose continuous, unexcused absences exceed the number of hours the class is scheduled to meet per week may be dropped. For online courses, students who fail to complete required activities for two consecutive weeks may be considered to have excessive absences and may be dropped.
- Absences attributed to the representation of the college at officially approved events (conferences, contests, and field trips) will be counted as ‘excused’ absences,” IVC
- “Documentation MUST be provided and arrangements made ahead of time. An excused absence does NOT excuse the work done and activities missed,” SW

“This is a skills based class and EVERY class is crucial. In class activities and assignments CANNOT be made up. On-time attendance is necessary for the successful completion of the class. If you must miss class for a verifiable emergency, please secure documentation. AGAIN, please remember that in-class activities and debates cannot be made up. Do not miss my class. **REMINDER: scheduled doctor's appointments, scheduled dentist appointments, school appointments, job interviews, work meetings/etc... are NOT urgent situations. You know your school schedule. Please plan accordingly. Be in class and be prepared.**

Classroom Etiquette

“Timeliness: Arrive in enough time to be settled, signed in, and ready to go when class begins. Being late is rude, disruptive, and anxiety-inducing for many. Additionally, missing class hurts you and your peers. Be here, be ready, let's learn and create a positive community.

Language: In an effort to create and maintain a critical, comfortable and equitable environment for everyone, any language that is racist, sexist, homophobic, or that discriminates against any person or group will be discussed in the classroom. Any such language in any speech, assignment, or classroom discussion may result in a failing grade for that speech or assignment and the occurrence will be documented in case any further disciplinary actions are warranted,” SW

Recording lectures/Social Media: DO NOT record my lectures and/or take my picture for use on the internet. DO NOT use social media during my classes.

Sign-In sheets/names on assignments: A sign-in sheet is completed at the beginning of class EVERY class period. It is YOUR responsibility to get on the sign-in sheet. All assignments must be labeled your FIRST and LAST name, as well as the CRN. Lack of sign-in sheet and/or name will result in a “0” for that assignment/activity. Sign in sheets need day, date, CRN, and time.

- “Electronic Devices: Cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off and put away during class unless otherwise directed by the instructor.
- Food and Drink are prohibited in all classrooms. Water bottles with lids/caps are the only exception. Additional restrictions will apply in labs. Please comply as directed.
- Disruptive Students: Students who disrupt or interfere with a class may be sent out of the room and told to meet with the Campus Disciplinary Officer before returning to continue with coursework. Disciplinary procedures will be followed as outlined in the General Catalog.

- Children in the classroom: Due to college rules and state laws, no one who is not enrolled in the class may attend, including children,” IVC

Academic Honesty

- “Plagiarism is to take and present as one’s own the writings or ideas of others, without citing the source. You should understand the concept of plagiarism and keep it in mind when taking exams and preparing written materials. If you do not understand how to correctly ‘cite a source’, you must ask for help.
- Cheating is defined as fraud, deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials, or assisting others in using materials, which are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or will receive a zero (0) on the exam or assignment, and the instructor may report the incident to the Campus Disciplinary Officer, who may place related documentation in a file. Repeated acts of cheating may result in an F in the course and/or disciplinary action. Please refer to the General School Catalog for more information on academic dishonesty or other misconduct. Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to the following: (a) plagiarism; (b) copying or attempting to copy from others during an examination or on an assignment ;(c) communicating test information with another person during an examination; (d) allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment, (e) use of a commercial term paper service,” IVC

Additional Help

- Learning Labs: There are several ‘labs’ on campus to assist you through the use of computers, tutors, or a combination. Please consult your college map for the Math Lab, Reading & Writing Lab, and Learning Services (library). Please speak to the instructor about labs unique to your specific program
- Library Services: There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the learning center, study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources,” IVC

Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)

“Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible. The DSP&S office is located in Building 2100, telephone 760-355-6313 if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations,” IVC

Student Counseling and Health Services

“Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee. We now also have a full time mental health counselor. For information see <http://www.imperial.edu/students/student-health-center/>. The IVC Student Health Center is located in the Health Science building in Room 2109, telephone 760-355-6310,” IVC

Student Rights and Responsibilities

“Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and due process. For further information regarding student rights and responsibilities please refer to the IVC General Catalog available online at [http://www.imperial.edu/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=4516&Itemid=762,](http://www.imperial.edu/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=4516&Itemid=762;)” IVC

Information Literacy

“Imperial Valley College is dedicated to help students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. Students can access tutorials at <http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/divisions/arts-and-letters/library-department/info-lit-tutorials/> ,” IVC

Anticipated Class Schedule / Calendar *Tentative, subject to change without prior notice****

21-Feb	In Class Activity 1	20	
28-Feb	Reader's Notes 1-5	20	
28-Feb	In Class Activity 2	20	
6-Mar	Reader's Notes 6-10	20	
6-Mar	In Class Activity 3	20	
13-Mar	Reader's Notes 11-15	20	
13-Mar	In Class Activity 4	20	
20-Mar	Reader's Notes 16-21	20	
20-Mar	In Class Activity 5	20	
27-Mar	Reader's Notes 22-end	20	
27-Mar	In Class Activity 6	20	
3-Apr	Exam 1	170	
10-Apr	Reader's Notes Packet1	20	
10-Apr	In Class Activity 7 (flow)	20	
24-Apr	Reader's Notes Packet2*	20	
24-Apr	In Class Activity 8	20	
1-May	Two Flows	20	
1-May	Reader's Notes Packet3*	20	
1-May	In Class Activity 9	20	
8-May	Two Flows	20	
8-May	Exam 2	100	
15-May	Two Debates	30	
15-May	Prep Homework	20	
15-May	Two Flows	20	
22-May	Two Debates	30	
22-May	Prep Homework	20	
22-May	Two Flows	20	
29-May	Two Debates	30	
29-May	Prep Homework	20	
29-May	Two Flows	20	
5-Jun	Two Debates	30	
5-Jun	Prep Homework	20	
5-Jun	Two Flows	20	
12-Jun	Two Debates	30	
12-Jun	Prep Homework	20	
12-Jun	Two Flows	20	

TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE
BASED OFF THIRD EDITION

Exam One Study Guide
Chapter 1: Open Your Eyes
Chapter 2* Set Your Goals
Fighting vs. Arguing
Mood, mind, willingness to do (22-24)
Seduction and Audience
Concession or agreement as an argument
Appeal to authority
Cicero-emotions, opinions, act
Ask for the “right” amount of change
Chapter 3* Control the Tense
Core Issues: Blame, Value, Choice
Past, present, future
Extreme choice as rhetorical trick
Anticipating objections
Choices and what ifs
Probabilities
Rule # 1: Never debate the un-debatable
Control the clock, control the tense
Chapter 4* Soften Them Up
Ethos, Pathos, Logos, Decorum
Flipside
Sympathize with the audience
Chapter 5* Get Them To Like You
Decorum: Dress, language
Audience’s rules
Chapter 6*
Audience: receptive, attentive, like and trust you
Virtue, practical wisdom, selflessness, disinterest
Virtue vs. values
Persuasive virtue
A well-disposed audience
Ethics are situational
Bragging, character reference, tactical flaw
Chapter 7*
Ethos: virtue, practical wisdom, goodwill
Show off your expertise
Bend the rules, Middle course
Chapter 8* Show You Care
Seem reluctant when you are eager to prove
Act as is the choice you advocate hurts you personally (personal sacrifice)
Cicero-wants audience to be attentive, trusting, and willing to be persuaded.

Make it seem you have no tricks
Allow lower expectations: Dubitatio
Chapter 9* Control the Mood
Emotion: experience and expectation
Tell a story to change a mood
Pathos depends on self-control
When you argue emotionally, speak simply
Anger, patriotism, emulation
Unannounced emotion
Chapter 10* Turn the Volume Down
Passive Voice
Set a backfire
Humor: Urbane, Wit, Facetious, Banter
Chapter 11* Gain the High Ground
“People often pitch an argument that sounds persuasive to themselves, but not to their listeners,”
~98
Commonplace
Babbling
The Rejection
Chapter 12* Persuade on Your Terms
Definition/Redefine, Ground
Make your opponent’s most positive words look like negatives
Commonplace words
Labeling tools
Stance
Chapter 13* Control the Argument
Toulmin Model
Chapter 14* Spot Fallacies
Fallacies: know the seven “deadly sins”
Bad proofs, Wrong number of choices, Disconnect between proof and conclusion
Chapter 15* Call a Foul
Argument vs. fight
Sophistry
Rhetoric vs. (pure) logic and rules
Role of truth
Know the 7 rhetorical out of bounds
Chapter 16* Know Whom to Trust
Disinterest
Extremes
Virtue
Chapter 17* Find the Sweet Spot
That depends filter
Comparable Experience

Chapter 18* Deal with a Bully
Aggression, Humors, and the internet
Spot your persuadable audience
Ethos and a bully
Pathos and the Political Uncle
Aggressive interest
Ironic love
Virtue pose
Chapter 19* Get Instant Cleverness
Order of words
Weigh both sides
Turn the volume up or down
Chapter 20* Change Reality
Metonymy
Synecdoche
Hyperbole
Profanity
Chapter 21* Speak the Audience's Language
Identity Strategy
Code Grooming
Personal Arguments
Logic-Free Values
Code words and Reverse words
Alliteration
Leadership qualities
Identity motives
Plain definitions
The halo
Chapter 22* Make the Identify with your Choice
Irony
Code Inoculation
Sabrina Adds:
Syllogism
Inductive and Deductive Reasoning
Chapter 23* Recover from a Screw-up
Set your goals right after you screw up
Be first with the news
Switch immediately to the future
Avoid belittling the victim
Don't rely on an apology
Adaptability
Belittlement and apology
Chapter 24* Seizing the Moment(s)
Kairos
Persuadable moment(s)
Changing or pinpointing your audience
Chapter 25* Use the Right Medium

The senses
Chapter 26* Give a Persuasive talk
Invention
Arrangement
Style
Memory
Delivery
Chapter 27* Capture your Audience
Figures of speech
Figures of thought
Identity Strategy
Cicero's outline
Channeling
The period
Chapter 28* Write a Persuasive essay
Tactical Flaw
Theme twist
Epiphany
Narrative arc
Get in their head
Chapter 29* Use the Right Tools
Offence vs Defense
Chapter 30* Run an Agreeable Country
Orator

Exam two study guide

Speaker positions
What each speaker generally covers?
Goals, Ethos, Pathos, Logos, Kairos
Sucking up and Charm
Debate/Lecture Key Terms
Prep Time
Structure/Times
Government/Affirmative
Opposition/Negative
Round and Resolution
Flow
Labeling and numbering arguments
Ballot
RES and RFD
Rank and Rate
Policy vs. Value
Definitions
Resolution Analysis
Judge's responsibilities
Burdens
Ground
4 Keys to winning a debate
Point of Information (and responses)
Point of Order (and responses)
Point of personal privilege (and responses)
Timeframes and Roadmaps
Case vs off case
Contentions vs. counter contentions
Definitions or Resolution Analysis
Policy:
Harms, Plan, Advantages, Disadvantages
Counterplans
Solvency-when is solvency use
Harms
Inherency
Topicality
Spread

Value/criteria
Counter value?
How does the opp challenge the value used by the gov?
Commonly used values and their definitions
Toulmin Model
How do we write clear claims?
Syllogism
Why don't we do fact debates in class?
Evidence-types
Evidence-location
Decorum-politeness
How do we answer Topicality?
Winning strategies
Structural vs attitudinal inherency
Status Quo
Cross-apply
Turn
Critique

Topics for Application Questions*

SUBJECT TO CHANGE:

Flu Vaccines and Corona Virus
Police Brutality/Body Cameras
US Election System
Legalizing prostitution
Legalizing recreational drugs
Lowering the drinking age
Sex Education/Abstinence-only Education
Student Loans
Minimum wage
Taxing Churches
Welfare/Snap/EBT
Mexican Drug Cartels/Border Wall