

COURSE TITLE: Debate
COURSE LENGTH: 1 semester
COURSE CREDIT: 0.5 credit

COURSE TYPE: elective
GRADE LEVEL: 10, 11, 12
PREREQUISITE: Public Speaking

COURSE GOALS:

1. Students will demonstrate effective reasoning, critical thinking, and debate skills.
2. Students will implement reasoning techniques to determine logical conclusions.
3. Students will present information orally in an effective and applicable method.
4. Students will apply research methods to develop and create logical and meaningful debates.
5. Students will evaluate society and current events to effectively create relevant debate arguments.
6. Students will critique debates for effectiveness and methodology.

COURSE CONTENT:

1. Basic principles of debate
2. Basic principles of creating an argument
3. Constructive argument
4. Negative argument
5. Rebuttals
6. Cross-examination
7. Lincoln-Douglas debate
8. Policy debate
9. Reasoning and argument forms