

Imperial Valley College – Spring 2010

Speech 180
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Required Text: **On That Point!**

Recommended Preparation: Speech 100

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

Course Objectives:

1. The student will learn the basic components of an argument – assertion, reasoning, and evidence.
2. The student will identify fallacious argumentation.
3. The student will critique arguments.
4. The student will compile arguments and evidence to support various sides of commonly debated topics (e.g., gun control, capital punishment, legalization of prostitution, animal rights, euthanasia, etc.).
5. The student will participate in formal classroom debates.
6. The student will understand the responsibilities of the proposition vs. opposition as well as the role of each speaker on the proposition and opposition teams.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

After successfully completing this course:

- Students will be able to construct and build a basic case for a parliamentary debate.
- Students will be able to recognize and avoid using ten logical fallacies during classroom presentations.
- Students will be able to write and submit five properly-worded debate propositions.

Assessment Tool: Debate Rubric

Institutional Outcomes: ISLO1, ISLO2

Evaluation of Student Progress:

1. Debate participation	40%
2. Argumentation invention and critique	20%
3. Debate preparation (knowledge of fallacies, completion of homework, group work)	20%
4. Tests/Quizzes	20%

Attendance Policy: I reserve the right to drop you if you miss more than two classes.

Plagiarism: If you plagiarize and are caught, you will receive a failing grade on the assignment in question.

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. The telephone number 355-6312.