

Speech and Debate

Course Title	Speech and Debate		
Course Code	GEN121	Course Type	Free Elective
Credit	3	Contact Hours	45
Prerequisites	None	Co-Requisites	None
Duration	15 weeks	Class Type	Lecture

SolBridge GACCS Objectives	%	Learning Objectives
1. Global Perspective	40	1. Learn to master debate theory in practice. 2. Learn how to judge debates. 3. Practice case building for various subject matter areas.
2. Asian Expertise	10	
3. Creative Management Mind	40	
4. Cross Cultural Communication	0	
5. Social Responsibility	10	

Course Description

Speech and Debate aims to develop students' skills and confidence in the areas of public speaking, research, and debate by honing the use of debating skills in analyzing various social, political, and economic issues. The course will cover argumentation, refutation, case construction, adjudication, advanced debating strategies, and fundamentals of effective public speaking. This course is highly recommended for students who wish to compete with the SolBridge Debate Society but is open to all students who wish to learn the relevant skills. Students in this class will be prepared for successful competition in local, national, and international competitions. Though students in the class may choose not to compete in tournaments, they will still participate in in-class debates, in-school competitions, and all other activities required of students preparing for tournaments.

Learning and Teaching Structure

Additional readings will be given by the instructor, and students are expected to be prepared for the class with these readings. Some of the cases to be discussed in class will be distributed in the class by instructor or through Moodle

Assessment	%	Text and Materials
Attendance	20	Textbooks: 1. MAD Member Training Handbook 2. A Guide to First Principles for ideas junkies 3. Australia-Asia Guide to Debating 4. Schools Training Guide The above titles are all available at the following link: http://www.monashdebaters.com/handbooks.php
Homework Exercises and Assignment	20	
Midterm Examination: Presentations	20	
Final Examination: Debates	40	

Course content by Week

1	Course outline, introduction to course methodology
2	Theory: Public Speaking & Manner; Matter: First Principles
3	Theory: Debating Fundamentals (AP): Argumentation and Refutation; Matter: Rights and Morals
4	Theory: Debating Fundamentals (AP): Format, Speaker Roles; Matter: Governance, Politics, and Democracy
5	Theory: Debating Fundamentals (AP): Prep Time, Definitions; Matter: Justice and the Legal System
6	Theory: Debating Fundamentals (BP): Format, Speaker Roles, Prep Time; Matter: Economics and Business
7	Theory: Case Construction; Matter: Environment, Science, and Technology
8	Midterm Examination
9	Theory: Opposition Tactics; Matter: Media
10	Theory: Adjudication (AP); Matter: Religion
11	Theory: Adjudication (AP); Matter: Minority Rights: Race, Class, and Gender
12	Theory: Adjudication (BP); Matter: International Relations: Asia
13	Theory: Advanced Tactics; Matter: International Relations: Middle East and Africa
14	Theory: Advanced Tactics; Matter: International Relations: Europe and America
15	Final Examination