

Basic Course Information

Semester:	Fall 2018	Instructor Name:	Sabrina Worsham
Course Title & #:	COMM 180: Argumentation & Debate	Emails:	sabrinaworsham@gmail.com
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Class Dates:	8/13/18-12/8/18	Office Hours:	M 2:30-3:30, T/R 10:45-11:15, W 2:30-4:40
Class Days:	MW	Office Phone #:	760 355 6369
Class Times:	1:00-2:25	Emergency Contact:	Ms. Lency Lucas 760 355-6337
Units:	3		

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

Textbooks & Other Resources or Links

Heinrichs, Jay. Thank You For Arguing: What Aristotle, Lincoln, and Homer Simpson Can Teach Us About the Art of Persuasion, revised and updated edition. New York: Three Rivers Press, 2013. Print. ISBN-10: 0307341445 | ISBN-13: 978-0307341440

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

Course Requirements and Instructional Methods

“Assignments: It is your responsibility to complete all assignments in a timely manner). In general, NO late work will be accepted, even with documentation.” *Assignments and class schedule are subject to change. Said changes are likely only announced during class time. Students are responsible for changes, regardless of class attendance. SW

- 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 outside of the scheduled class time.
- 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) Use YouTube or the University of Utah’s debate page. Include two FULL paragraphs, who win in your opinion and why, who lost and why? Flows are to be done by hand and are due at the BEGINNING of class on the day assigned. You are responsible for keeping track of your flows.
- Debate Prep:** Using the internet, you will prepare 6 prime minister cases, including source cites. Prep homework is also due at the beginning of the class period.
- 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

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.

Course Grading Based on Course Objectives

In Class Activities	180 points possible: (varied, assigned in class)
Reader's Notes	160 points possible: (varied, assigned in class)
Exams	260 points possible (160 for the midterm, 100 for the second exam)
Debates	140 points possible (15-20 points per debate)
Flows	140 points possible (10 points each)
Preps	100 points possible (varied, assigned in class)
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

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
- **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
- **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 by the instructor.
- 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, only students enrolled in the class may attend; children are not allowed.

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty in the advancement of knowledge requires that all students and instructors respect the integrity of one another's work and recognize the important of acknowledging and safeguarding intellectual property.

There are many different forms of academic dishonesty. The following kinds of honesty violations and their definitions are not meant to be exhaustive. Rather, they are intended to serve as examples of unacceptable academic conduct.

- Plagiarism is taking and presenting 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 "cite a source" correctly, 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 that are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in question.

Anyone caught cheating or plagiarizing 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 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) using a commercial term paper service.

Additional Student Services

Imperial Valley College offers various services in support of student success. The following are some of the services available for students. Please speak to your instructor about additional services which may be available.

- CANVAS LMS. Canvas is Imperial Valley College's main Learning Management System. To log onto Canvas, use this link: [Canvas Student Login](#). The [Canvas Student Guides Site](#) provides a variety of support available to students 24 hours per day. Additionally, a 24/7 Canvas Support Hotline is available for students to use: 877-893-9853.

- **Learning Services.** There are several learning labs on campus to assist students through the use of computers and tutors. Please consult your [Campus Map](#) for the [Math Lab](#); [Reading, Writing & Language Labs](#); and the [Study Skills Center](#).
- **Library Services.** There is more to our library than just books. You have access to tutors in the [Study Skills Center](#), study rooms for small groups, and online access to a wealth of resources.

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. Please contact them if you feel you need to be evaluated for educational accommodations.

Student Counseling and Health Services

Students have counseling and health services available, provided by the pre-paid Student Health Fee.

- **Student Health Center.** A Student Health Nurse is available on campus. In addition, Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District provide basic health services for students, such as first aid and care for minor illnesses. Contact the IVC [Student Health Center](#) at 760-355-6128 in Room 1536 for more information.
- **Mental Health Counseling Services.** Short-term individual, couples, family and group counseling services are available for currently enrolled students. Services are provided in a confidential, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment. Please contact the IVC Mental Health Counseling Services at 760-355-6310 or in the building 1536 for appointments or more information..

Veteran's Center

The mission of the [IVC Military and Veteran Success Center](#) is to provide a holistic approach to serving military/veteran students on three key areas: 1) Academics, 2) Health and Wellness, and 3) Camaraderie; to serve as a central hub that connects military/veteran students, as well as their families, to campus and community resources. Their goal is to ensure a seamless transition from military to civilian life. The Center is located in Building 600 (Office 624), telephone 760-355-6141.

Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)

The Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) offers services such as priority registration, personal/academic counseling, tutoring, book vouchers, and community referrals to qualifying low-income students. EOPS is composed of a group of professionals ready to assist you with the resolution of both academic and personal issues. Our staff is set up to understand the problems of our culturally diverse population and strives to meet student needs that are as diverse as our student population.

Also under the umbrella of EOPS our CARE (Cooperative Agency Resources for Education) Program for single parents is specifically designed to provide support services and assist with the resolution of issues that are particular to this population. Students that are single parents receiving TANF/Cash Aid assistance may qualify for our CARE program, for additional information on CARE please contact Lourdes Mercado, 760-355- 6448, lourdes.mercado@imperial.edu.

EOPS provides additional support and services that may identify with one of the following experiences:

- Current and former foster youth students that were in the foster care system at any point in their lives
- Students experiencing homelessness

- Formerly incarcerated students

To apply for EOPS and for additional information on EOPS services, please contact Alexis Ayala, 760-355-5713, alexis.ayala@imperial.edu.

Student Equity Program

- The Student Equity Program strives to improve Imperial Valley College’s success outcomes, particularly for students who have been historically underrepresented and underserved. The college identifies strategies to monitor and address equity issues, making efforts to mitigate any disproportionate impact on student success and achievement. Our institutional data provides insight surrounding student populations who historically, are not fully represented. Student Equity addresses disparities and/or disproportionate impact in student success across disaggregated student equity groups including gender, ethnicity, disability status, financial need, Veterans, foster youth, homelessness, and formerly incarcerated students. The Student Equity Program provides direct supportive services to empower students experiencing insecurities related to food, housing, transportation, textbooks, and shower access. We recognize that students who struggle meeting their basic needs are also at an academic and economic disadvantage, creating barriers to academic success and wellness. We strive to remove barriers that affect IVC students’ access to education, degree and certificate completion, successful completion of developmental math and English courses, and the ability to transfer to a university. Contact: 760.355.5736 or 760.355.5733 Building 100.
- The Student Equity Program also houses IVC’s Homeless Liaison, who provides direct services, campus, and community referrals to students experiencing homelessness as defined by the McKinney-Vento Act. Contact: 760.355.5736 Building 100.

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to experience a positive learning environment and to due process of law. For more information regarding student rights and responsibilities, please refer to the IVC [General Catalog](#).

Information Literacy

Imperial Valley College is dedicated to helping students skillfully discover, evaluate, and use information from all sources. The IVC [Library Department](#) provides numerous [Information Literacy Tutorials](#) to assist students in this endeavor.

Anticipated Class Schedule/Calendar/Grade Tracking Sheet

8-13 & 8/15	ICA 1 (In Class Activity)		20
20-Aug	RN 1-5 (Reader’s Notes)		20
8/20 & 8/22	ICA 2		20
27-Aug	RN 6-10		20
8/27 & 8/29	ICA 3		20

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5-Sep	RN 11-15		20
5-Sep	ICA 4		20
10-Sep	RN 16-20		20
9/10 & 9/12	ICA 5		20
17-Sep	RN 21-27		20
9/17 & 9/19	ICA 6		20
9/24 & 9/26	EX1 (Exam)		160
2-Oct	RN PK1		20
10/2 & 10/4	ICA 7		20
8-Oct	RN PK2*		20
10/8 & 10/10	ICA 8		20
10-Oct	2Fl (Flows)		20
15-Oct	RN PK3*		20
10/15 & 10/17	ICA 9		20
17-Oct	2FL		20
10/22 & 10/24	EX2		100
10/29 & 10/31	DBT (Debate)		30
29-Oct	2FL		20
10/29 & 10/31	Prep (Prep)		20
5-Nov	2FL		20
11/5 & 11/7	DBT		30
11/5 & 11/7	Prep		20
14-Nov	2FL		20
14-Nov	DBT		20
14-Nov	Prep		20
26-Nov	2FL		20
11/26 & 11/28	DBT		30
11/26 & 11/28	Prep		20
12/3 & 12/5	DBT		30
12/3 & 12/5	Prep		20
12/3 & 12/5	2FL		20
5-Dec	list/letter		20
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Tentative, subject to change without prior notice

GET TO KNOW YOU BINGO

CHALLENGE: Find a person in your class that has done the following things and write their name in the box. You can only use one person for one box (no repeats!).

Someone who plays an instrument 	Someone who shares the same hobby as you	Someone who has been to the snow 	Someone who has a big brother and little sister	Someone who went fishing over the holidays 	Someone who has a six letter first name
Someone who wears glasses	Someone who was born in another country	Someone who has been to Sydney	Someone who has been to another state or territory	Someone with the same favourite sport as you	Someone who has a pet cat
Someone who likes to sing	Someone who was born in the month of January 	Someone who's favourite subject is maths	Someone who rode their bike yesterday 	Someone who speaks three languages	Someone who has never been on an aeroplane 
Someone who's favourite colour is blue	Someone who has a pet dog	Someone who read more than one book these holidays	Someone who has their ears pierced	Someone who has been rock climbing	Someone who went to the beach on the holidays

Meet your new BEST FRIENDS

NAME

CONTACT INFO

FUN FACT
