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SEMESTER: DEPARTMENTAL SYLLABUS
COURSE TITLE: DISCUSSION AND DEBATE
COURSE NUMBER: SPCH0161
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PREREQUISITES: None

REQUIRED TEXT AND MATERIALS: Please check with the KCKCC bookstore, http://www.kckccbookstore.com, for the required texts for your particular class.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
This course expands the study of the principles of basic argumentation and discussion. Students are introduced to higher levels of research techniques including online data bases such as Lexis/Nexis. Research of a current major national or international controversy, is used as the model for gathering the research. Students are expected to participate in intercollegiate debate competition.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION: A variety of instructional methods may be used depending on content area. These include but are not limited to: lecture, multimedia, cooperative/collaborative learning, labs and demonstrations, projects and presentations, speeches, debates, and panels, conferencing, performances, and learning experiences outside the classroom. Methodology will be selected to best meet student needs.

COURSE OUTLINE:
I. Review of Argumentation Principles
   A. Burdens & Responsibilities
B. Stock Issues & Decisional Criteria  
C. Ethical Considerations  

II. Different Styles of Tournament Argumentation  
A. CEDA / NDT  
B. Parliamentary  
C. Public  

III. Debate Case Structure  
A. Government / Affirmative Debate Cases  
B. Opposition / Negative debate Cases  

IV. Research  
A. Contemporary Issues  
B. Generic Timeless Issues  

V. Application  
A. Practice Debates  
A. Cross Examination / Audience Participation & Pressure  

VI. Small Groups and Controversy  
A. Nature of group persuasion  
B. Small group formats  
C. Small group leadership  
D. Effective small group participation  

EXPECTED LEARNER OUTCOMES:  
A. Students will acquire ability to plan and perform affirmative and negative debate speeches.  
B. Students will acquire ability to plan and perform in small group presentations on controversial issues.  
C. Students will acquire ability to critically analyze presentations of their own and of their peers.  
D. Students will acquire understanding of a debater’s responsibilities to his or her audience including adequate delivery, organization, and support.  

COURSE COMPETENCIES:  

Students will acquire ability to plan and perform affirmative and negative debate speeches.  
1. The student will be able to prepare an affirmative constructive case  
2. The student will be able to prepare a negative opposition case  

Students will acquire ability to plan and perform in small group presentations on controversial issues.  
3. The student will be able to list tips for participating in small group discussions  
4. The student will be able to illustrate leadership skills in small group discussions  
5. The student will be able to participate in a group discussion  

Students will acquire ability to critically analyze presentations of their own and of their peers.  
6. The student will be able to identify the most common fallacies in reasoning  
7. The student will be able to distinguish between panels, symposia, and forums
Students will acquire understanding of a debater’s responsibilities to his or her audience including adequate delivery, organization, and support.

8. The student will be able to list and provide examples of effective supporting materials
9. The student will be able to apply accepted principles of organization
10. The student will be able to list the characteristics of effective delivery
11. The student will be able to support his/her speech with illustrations
12. The student will be able to support his/her speech with definitions
13. The student will be able to support his/her speech with analogies
14. The student will be able to describe how to effectively use logic and evidence in persuasion
15. The student will be able to discuss the importance of speech delivery
16. The student will be able to list characteristics of effective delivery
17. The student will be able to deliver a persuasive speech
18. The student will be able to demonstrate how to attend class regularly
19. The student will be able to demonstrate how to be present for assigned speeches
20. The student will be able to demonstrate how to be present for assigned group participation

ASSESSMENT OF LEARNER OUTCOMES:
Student progress is evaluated by means that include, but are not limited to, exams, written assignments, and class participation.

SPECIAL NOTES:

This syllabus is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor. Material included is intended to provide an outline of the course and rules that the instructor will adhere to in evaluating the student’s progress. However, this syllabus is not intended to be a legal contract. Questions regarding the syllabus are welcome any time.

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