

## AMDG

Public Speaking and Argumentation  
St. Ignatius College Preparatory  
2007 Summer Session

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**Course Description:** Those that have the poise and confidence to speak in an intellectual and spontaneous manner while in a public forum offer society a feature that many people shy away from. Though this course is introductory in nature, the skills that students will pick up in public speaking, presentation, and argumentation will not only enhance the high school experience but also will be key in all walks of life. Students will have the opportunity to participate in both individual speaking presentations as well as team debate activities. In addition to public speaking, students will learn basic core skills in research and argumentative writing. Additionally, all students will be expected to actively participate during lecture.

**Classroom Etiquette:** As this class will serve as an arena for public presentation, all students are expected to show the highest regard in self-respect to their fellow classmates. Everybody will have to speak in public – so following the golden rule of treating those like you would like to be treated applies. With that said, APPROPRIATE constructive criticism at the right time will be welcome. Students will have the opportunity to exchange ideas and work in groups in order to allow for such exchange.

**Curriculum:** This course will essentially be split up into two halves. First, students will be expected to deliver an individual, original presentation/advocacy on an approved topic of their choice. Students will have to research and write up a 3-4 minute presentation using Microsoft Power Point. Second, students will be split up into groups or debate teams. Students will have the opportunity to argue and exchange ideas in a formalized debate round which models debate competition at the high school level. Winning teams will receive gift certificates. Homework will not be assigned every night; instead homework will occur in bunches over the 5 week period through writing and rehearsing speeches.

**Evaluation:** Alex and I will have to evaluate everybody in the class individually at the end. Therefore, if you work hard and try your best – you will receive the highest marks. **Please feel free to approach or email either Alex or myself during the course for any help or advice. We are here to help you.**

**Attendance:** Attendance will be taken every day and tardiness will be enforced. Sorry, I have to do this due to SI Summer School Policy. I also reserve the right to give detention for

dress code violations or inappropriate behavior. All SI summer rules and guidelines will be enforced in this class.

**Schedule: Subject to change**

Day	Activity	Due
<b>Week 1</b>		
18-Jun	Introduction/Syllabus	
19-Jun	The Components of a Speech	
20-Jun	How to write a speech	
21-Jun	How to conduct critical research	
22-Jun	Computer Lab group work	
<b>Week 2</b>		
25-Jun	How to incorporate writing into presentation	Topics for Speech 1 Due
26-Jun	Group Review of Rough Drafts	Rough Draft of Speech 1 Due – Bring 2 copies
27-Jun	How to use Power Point	
28-Jun	Rough Draft Review/Rough Drafts Returned	
29-Jun	Practice Speeches	
<b>Week 3</b>		
2-Jul	Student Presentations	Speech 1 Presentation
3-Jul	Student Presentations	Speech 1 Presentation
4-Jul	Holiday	
5-Jul	Structure of a debate round/Class Debate	
6-Jul	BBQ and Sports Day – No class	
<b>Week 4</b>		
9-Jul	Relevant Philosophical Topics/How to Flow	
10-Jul	Team Assignments/Topic Release/How to Flow	
11-Jul	Case Prep – Computer Lab Team Work	
12-Jul	Class discussion on computer lab progress	
13-Jul	Case Prep – Computer Lab Team Work	Rough Draft of Speech 2
<b>Week 5</b>		
16-Jul	Debate Practice	
17-Jul	Debate Quarters	Debate Rounds
18-Jul	Debate Quarters	Debate Rounds
19-Jul	Debate Semis	Debate Rounds
20-Jul	Debate Finals	Debate Rounds

I hope you all enjoy the course and learn a lot from it!