



# Speech and Debate (1<sup>st</sup> Semester): Course Outline

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<b>Instructor's Office Hours</b>	Wednesday 12:30-1:30pm / Thursday 12:30-1:30pm or by appointment
<b>Class Hours</b>	Friday 10:10am - 12:00pm
<b>Class Location</b>	Management Building: Room C127
<b>Required Text</b>	Discover Debate <i>By M. Lubetsky, C. LeBeau, and D. Harrington</i>

## Course Objectives

- Learn how to explain, support, and organize opinions.
- Develop the capacity to critically refute and challenge opinions within the context of a debate.
- Comprehend the components of an effective argument needed to conduct and judge debates.

## Course Evaluation

Participation	10%
Midterm test	20%
Assignments	50%
Final Debate	20%

## Additional Information

- I expect you to speak English as much as you can. Don't be afraid to make a mistake! ☺
- If you miss a class **you** are responsible for finding out what you missed. Ask a classmate, come by my office, or send me an email to find out what you missed in class.  
若是你有缺課，你有責任要知道上課的內容。你可以詢問你的同學或是老師（可以寫email給我或是來我的辦公室）。
- More than **four unexcused absences** will result in failure of the class.  
無故缺席曠課達四次以上者，即被當掉。
- Two late arrivals to class are equal to one absence.
- No cell phone use is permitted in class (except for use as a dictionary).

# Course Schedule

Week	Date	Topic	Reading	Comments
1	9/13	Course Introduction - Have an Opinion	Unit 1	
2	9/20	-----	Unit 1	No class: Holiday
3	9/27	Have an Opinion	Unit 2	
4	10/4	Explaining Your Opinion	Unit 2	
5	10/11	Supporting Your Opinion	Unit 3	
6	10/18	Supporting Your Opinion	Unit 3	
7	10/25	Organizing Your Opinion	Unit 4	
8	11/1	Refuting Explanations	Unit 5	
9	11/8	<b>MIDTERM EXAM</b>	-----	Midterm
10	11/15	Challenging Supports	Unit 6	
11	11/22	Challenging Supports	Unit 6	
12	11/29	Organizing Your Refutation	Unit 7	
13	12/6	Organizing Your Refutation	Unit 7	
14	12/13	Debating An Opinion	Unit 8	
15	12/20	Debating An Opinion	Unit 8	
16	12/27	Discover Debate	Unit 9	
17	1/3	<b>FINAL DEBATES</b>	-----	Final Debates
18	1/10	<b>FINAL DEBATES</b>	-----	Final Debates