

# SPE 210: Introduction to Competitive Speech and Debate

*Introduction to Competitive Speech and Debate* introduces students to the framework for competitive speech and debate through learning and practicing the fundamental rules and paradigms for public speaking events. Through preparation and practice of events, students will expand on skills such as how to reason, how to communicate, and how to problem-solve, to be curious, to be empathetic, and to lead, building on previous experience. Events may include informative, impromptu, and extemporaneous speaking, criticism, radio, oratory, congress, oral interpretation, and various forms of cross-examination debate. Other topics covered may include debate tournament operations, literature and topic reviews, logistical fallacies, ethical theories, and the historical context of argumentation and refutation. *PREREQUISITE: SPE 110 or permission of program director.*

**Credits:** Credits 3

**Prerequisites:**

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SPE 110

**Semester Offered:**

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Course Offered each semester.