

## Global Learning Semesters

### Course Syllabus

Course: COMM-332 Argumentation and Debate

Department: Communications

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
COMM-332	Argumentation and Debate	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Spring	42	Junior Standing
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Communications	Upper Division	English

### Course Description

The student will thoroughly study the ethical, practical and theoretical bases for argumentation and debate, involving such topics as the certainty and ethics of argumentation, basic concepts (presumption, burden of proof, Prima Facie case), the nature of argument, the evaluation of debates and arguments, inductive and deductive reasoning, organising arguments, formats of debate and advocacy skills.

### Instructor

Dr Paul Stewart

### Course Aims and Objectives

To furnish the student with the necessary knowledge of how to form arguments, combined with an ability to put this knowledge into practice by using the skills of advocacy.

### Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through a mixture of lectures and practical exercises and team debates.

### Course Teaching Hours

42 hours. 14 lectures of 3 hours duration

### Evaluation and Grading

Team Debates: 50%  
Mid-term examination: 15%  
Final examination: 35%

### Readings and Resources

**Required Textbook**

*Argumentation and Debate*, Ziegmuller, Kay & Dause, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Englewood Cliffs, N.J: Prentice Hall, 1990