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# Persuasive Communication & Debate

New student admissions for  
Summer 2024 are open.



## Program Highlights

- Learn the international competitive collegiate debate format known as British Parliamentary Debating.
- Learn public speaking and presentational skills.
- Learn how to research, compose, and deliver argumentative cases.
- Learn critical thinking and argument evaluation skills.
- Learn persuasion, social influence, and compliance-gaining skills.



## 2024 Dates

- Session 2: July 14 - July 26



## Academic Program Overview

Would you like to improve your research, communication, speaking, and presentation skills while learning to persuade in one action-packed course? Each day students will research a debate topic. They will then compose argumentative cases and deliver to judges throughout the course. After each debate round, students will receive instructor feedback as well as deliver/receive peer. If desired, it may be possible to culminate the course in an in-class debate tournament. This class will sharpen key skills that will boost your speaking confidence and enhance your ability to organize and express ideas clearly.



## Excursions

TBA

# Instructors

Dr. John Patrick, Lecturer Cal Poly SLO

John Patrick, Ed.D. is a co-director of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo’s nationally acclaimed debate team and regularly brings debating workshops to developing nations where democracy is trying to flourish. His work in Cameroon with Kenneth Newby Esq. was the subject of the 2021 documentary “Debaters Without Borders.” Dr. Patrick was a national and international champion debater as an undergrad and one of the founding advisory board members of the US universities Debate Association. Today Dr. Patrick sees university debating as a site not only for competition, but also experiential learning, community service, and civic engagement. This This is reflected in his work with the Civic Debate Consortium, where he currently seeks to take students debating about environmental policy out of the classroom and into America’s national parks, public lands, and wild spaces.

## Tuition Information:

- Includes: all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- Excludes: optional airport pickup and drop-off service (available for an additional fee)
- Price: \$5,298

## Supplements:

- Application fee: \$99 (mandatory, nonrefundable)
- Tuition Protection Plan: Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click [here](#) for more info.

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## Course Structure

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday - Friday. During week two, students have class from 9am-12pm Monday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to additional academic time (excursions, speakers).



## Typical Schedule

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Academic Course
Noon	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Academic Excursion/ Recreational Activity
3:30 p.m.	Enrichment Elective
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Evening Activites
10:30 p.m.	RA Check-in

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