

COURSE DETAIL

PROJECT ACADEMIC DEBATE

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Maastricht University - University College Maastricht

Program(s)

University College Maastricht

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Communication

UCEAP Course Number

110

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

PROJECT ACADEMIC DEBATE

UCEAP Transcript Title

ACADEMIC DEBATE

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

Debating skills are a key component of academic life. This means that you should be able to defend your own position and refute opposing positions by providing substantial arguments based on relevant academic sources. In this project, participants prepare, present, and defend with peers a position for an academic debate on a specific topic. The available topics emerge out of a wide range of UCM courses from different concentrations. Students can submit their preferences for topics beforehand but should be prepared to commit to any topic to which they are assigned. At the start of the project, each group discusses their topic and settle on a concrete proposition for their final debate. After that, groups split into a PRO ("yes") and a CON ("no") side. The two sides prepare separately for the final debate. A crucial part of the preparation for their final debate is writing a collective position paper based on self-study of academic sources. The purpose of this position paper is to be informed about the topic of the debate, by developing arguments, anticipating counterarguments, and coming up with rebuttals to these counterarguments.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

PRO2004

Host Institution Course Title

PROJECT ACADEMIC DEBATE

Host Institution Campus

Maastricht University

Host Institution Faculty

University College Maastricht

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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