

AUDL SUMMER PROGRAMS

ATLANTA URBAN DEBATE INSTITUTE

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**COACH OBSERVATION
PROGRAM INFORMATION**



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Welcome

Thank you in advance for your desire, dedication, and determination. Your commitment to debate is absolutely crucial to the success of the Atlanta Urban Debate League and the Debate Community's continued growth. We are excited to help you provide the power of debate to countless young people in our community.

Coach Observation Program Purpose

The Atlanta Urban Debate League Coach Observation Program is designed for coaches who want to learn more about debate, the year's topic, and teaching debate-specific skills during the Atlanta Urban Debate Institute (AUDI), the AUDL's weeklong summer camps for rising middle and high school students. Coach Observers are invited to observe select large group and breakout sessions during the week at the AUDI. Unlike Coach Leadership Fellows, Coach Observers are not expected to serve as AUDI instructors throughout the week.

For any coaches interested in a more experiential learning role that involves both teaching and observing throughout the entirety of the week, we recommend participation in the Coach Leadership Fellows program.

Program Outline, Schedule, and Expectations

Coach Observation Program Outline

Monday to Wednesday, all Coach Observers will join the Atlanta Urban Debate Institute 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for the large group session and morning breakouts.

Large group sessions will include community building activities, a short topic lecture introducing both the resolution for the year and novice arguments in the preliminary version of the AUDL packet, and a full-length, moderated demonstration debate using the middle school novice speech times and packet.

Breakout sessions will include placement with lab groups to observe. Lab groups are smaller groups of students (10-16) with teams of 3-4 instructors. The mixed-experience instructional teams are composed of instructors from a variety of debate backgrounds, including AUDL staff and student interns, current and former debaters, and coaches. Coach Observers are encouraged to form connections with instructional staff to broaden their access to the wider AUDL network. Dedicated instructional or Q&A sessions for Coach Observers may also be held, dependent on final AUDI staffing.

On Friday, AUDI students will have practice debates judged by instructors. Coach Observers may opt-in as paid judges for Friday practice debates. Coach Observers serving as judges will also be included in the staff appreciation lunch provided on Friday.

Coach Observation Program Schedule

This schedule is subject to change.

Monday - Wednesday

9:00-9:55 a.m.	Large Group	Anthro 303
10:00-12:00 p.m.	Breakout Groups*	Anthro 303/Classroom Buildings

*Breakout session activities will depend on AUDI staffing

Friday (Optional)

10:00-11:30 a.m.	Judge Practice Round 1	Classroom Buildings
12:15-1:25 p.m.	Judge Practice Round 2	Classroom Buildings

Coach Observer Expectations

General Statement of Conduct

We expect all adult participants to treat others with respect and to set a positive example for students in accordance with the 6 P's.

Drugs & Alcohol Policy

No observer may consume, possess or be under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol in lab rooms, on Emory University/school property, or during any interaction with students.

As per Emory University Policy, Emory is a smoke-free campus. We expect observers not to consume tobacco near, among, or with AUDI students.

Anti-Discrimination Policy

The AUDI is committed to a safe and harassment-free environment. Acts of discrimination or discriminatory harassment based upon an individual's race, ethnicity, gender, color, religion, creed, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, disability, or sexual orientation are all serious violations of Emory University policy and federal law. Visit <http://policies.emory.edu/1.3> for detailed explanations of Emory policies, as well as relevant state and federal laws.

Attendance & Availability

Coach Observers are expected to attend the workshop 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Monday to Wednesday of the program. If you do not plan to attend any Monday to Wednesday mornings, please let us know. We are happy to work with all Coach Observers to make sure they get the most out of the program while minimizing disruptions to the instructional day.

Participation on Friday as a judge for practice debates is completely optional and paid.

Emory Programs Working with Minors Policy

As a program working with minors, Emory University requires all adults participating in the AUDI in any capacity to complete required onboarding. This includes an online course on identifying and reporting misconduct with minors, an online course on boundaries for educators, and a background check. Employment at a K-12 school does not exempt any adults from having to complete trainings or background checks for the AUDI.

Transportation & Food

The Atlanta Urban Debate League will cover parking for anyone who needs it. We will also provide a food and travel per diem for Coach Observers. Monday through Wednesday, Coach Observers will be released at lunchtime (noon); if you choose to bring any food with you, please be mindful that the AUDI is a nut-free program serving many students with allergies. An appreciation lunch will be provided on Friday for any Coach Observers serving as judges.

The 6 P's

Punctual

- Arrive on time for large group sessions each day.
- If judging on Friday, try to be mindful of the time. Showing up to rounds and having students start speeches on time is crucial for us to have time for lunch and the final awards ceremony.

Positive

- Cultivate a welcoming educational space that prioritizes community over competition. Model the respectful behaviors we expect of students and each other.
- Be engaged in morning community building activities during large group sessions and ice breakers in lab groups.

Persistent

- Continue to be present and positive as situations inevitably arise.

Prepared

- If judging, make sure to bring any necessary materials, such as ballots and pens, with you.

Proactive

- Communicate potential concerns or emergent situations to the admin team and/or your co-lab leaders as soon as possible.

Professional

- Please be patient and mindful in your interpersonal communications with any parents, teachers, students, staff, and volunteers.
- Do not share any sensitive, confidential, or personally identifiable information about students with non-AUDL or CCE staff members or give your personal contact information to students.
- We welcome all observers to dress comfortably in any attire appropriate for a K-12 educational space.

Application

If you would like to participate in the Coach Observation Program this summer, please complete the interest form linked below. The AUDI administrative team will follow up with next steps such as onboarding paperwork to complete if you accept the position. **The deadline to submit this form is May 2, 2025.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please email atlantadebate@gmail.com.

[Click here for the Coach Observation Program form.](#)