

Foreign Policy Debate Guidelines and Rubric

Each side has three chances to advance his argument: opening, rebuttals (3 rounds) and closing. Members of the floor are invited to participate in the debate by addressing points **ONLY** to the moderator, who will address all discussion from the floor and raise points that are of particular interest or merit. The speakers may address the floor comments in their subsequent statements when appropriate.

Debaters and audience are asked to observe the spirit of Oxford debate.



Instructions for the Floor

To encourage a lively debate, please familiarise yourself with your duties as a floor member:

- Educate yourself on the Oxford-style of debating.
- Listen carefully to the opening, rebuttal and closing statements.
- Participate by asking questions of either side at the appropriate point (each member of class is required to participate at least once during the debates).
- Remember the Moderator can interrupt the debate at any time to ask questions or comment

Schedule/Order for the Debate

1. Introduction by the Moderator
2. Opening by the PROPOSITION (3 min) - Participant A
3. Opening by the OPPOSITION
4. Rebuttal by the PROPOSITION (2 min) - Participant B
5. Rebuttal by the OPPOSITION
6. Rebuttal 2 by the PROPOSITION (1 min) - *Any Participant*
7. Rebuttal 2 by the OPPOSITION
8. Floor Questions & Responses (10 min) - *Any Participant*
9. Closing by the OPPOSITION (3 min) - Participant C
10. Closing by the PROPOSITION
11. Voting
12. Closing Comments by Moderator

Grading the Debate - 100 Points

Name: _____

- Quality of Material Used - 40%
- Demonstration of Preparation - 40%
- Persuasiveness of Arguments - 10%
- Speaking/Delivery During Debate - 10%