

We will have five formal policy debates, with a follow-up policy memo on which debaters from both sides will collaborate:

- Two teams of two (or more) students each will formally debate a specific policy proposition related to an entitlement program (rules on Canvas);
- After each debate, debaters will shift from the debate's advocacy positions to evidence-based policy analysis, collaborating with opponents to prepare a policy memo on the topic. The memo will describe and analyze the issue or problem, offer policy options to address it, assess the merits of policy options according to explicit criteria, and recommend (and justify) specific policy action. Analysts will submit a draft memo for review, revise accordingly, and submit the revised memo for a final grade.