

Welcome to the CCM Debate Society Master Document. Below you will find information regarding our scheduled topics, debate formats, and general information about the organization.

MEETINGS : Cohen Hall 271 12:30PM TO ~1:30PM

Advisor : Kenneth Shouler, PhD

President : Favio Valentino Jasso

Vice-President : Milton Martinez

Secretary: Abigail Bungay

Treasurer : Caelan Lynes

Marketing & Communications: Frances DiPietro

Motto :

Latin: Sapere Aude

English: Dare To Know

Scheduled Topics Fall 2024:

August 29th to September 12th - Petitioning Membership And Finalizing Clubship

September 19th - What is Debate? What is Philosophy? Debating Formats. An

Introduction.(Socratic Seminar).

September 26th - Do we have free will? (Compatibilism vs Determinism: Socratic Seminar)

October 10th - Rowe VS. Wade and upcoming debate (Socratic Seminar). (Pizza and Drinks)

October 17th - Rowe VS. Wade (Lincoln-Douglas Debate).

October 24th - The Election(Trump VS. Harris and Upcoming Debate (**Socratic Seminar**) -
(Pizza and Drinks)

October 31st -The Election (Trump VS. Harris: **Lincoln-Douglas Debate**)

November 10th - Should Vaccines be mandated? (**Socratic Seminar**) - (Pizza and Drinks)

November 17th - Should Vaccines be mandated? (**Lincoln-Douglas Debate**)

December 5th - Finale - Hot Takes

Scheduled Topics Spring 2025: TBD

February 4th - *Gandi, the Jains, Kant, Bentham, Singer, and Carruthers on: Do Animals Have Moral Standing?* **Talk** by Advisor - Kenneth Shouler, PhD.

Hot Takes:

Summary: An icebreaker activity

1. Various debatable topics are picked at random.
2. People must introduce themselves; name & major, then read topic to club attendees, after, state personal stance/opinion.
3. Attendees must raise their hands and be picked by Reader to respond.

Added Notes: Timer for each topic - 5 minutes max. However, every 5 minutes, vote to keep the topic for a 2 minute extension, if interesting.

Debating Formats:

Opening: 5-10 minutes dedicated at every session no matter the format. Welcome participants, introduce the topic, and explain the goals and guidelines. This will happen at the beginning of

every session, no matter the following format.

****Lincoln-Douglas (Modified for CCM):**

Lincoln-Douglas Debate Format

What It's About

- **Focus:** Debates on values and ethical issues.
- **Style:** One-on-one discussion where you argue about principles and morals.

2. **Debate Flow

Opening Statements:

- **Affirmative Opening (6-7 minutes):**
 - Make the case for the resolution.
 - Defines key terms, presents their main arguments, and sets up their value framework.
- **Negative Opening (6-7 minutes):**
 - Challenges the resolution.
 - Offers counter definitions and presents their own arguments against the affirmative case.

Rebuttals:

- **First Affirmative Rebuttal (4 minutes):**
 - Responds to the negative's arguments.

- Strengthens their own case and counters the negative's points.

- First Negative Rebuttal (4 minutes):

- Responds to the affirmative's rebuttal.
- Emphasizes weaknesses in the affirmative case and bolsters their own arguments.

Second Rebuttals:

- Second Affirmative Rebuttal (4 minutes):

- Continues to address any remaining issues.
- Summarizes why their side is stronger.

- Second Negative Rebuttal (4 minutes):

- Wraps up their arguments.
- Highlights why the negative side has the better case.

Crossfire (3 minutes each):

- Crossfire: Both debaters take turns asking each other questions.
 - A chance to clarify arguments and test each other's positions.

5. Closing Speeches:

- Affirmative Summary (3 minutes):

- Recaps their main points.
- Shows why their side is the winning one.

- Negative Summary (3 minutes):

- Reviews the key arguments against the resolution.

- Emphasizes the strengths of the negative position.

6. Final Focus:

- Affirmative Final Focus (2 minutes):

- Makes a final pitch for their side.
- Addresses any last points and reinforces why their argument is stronger.

- Negative Final Focus (2 minutes):

- Final summary of their case.
- Highlights why the negative position prevails.

3. Other Tips

- **Prep Time:** Each side gets some time during the debate to organize their thoughts.
 - **Judging:** Judges look at how clearly you argue your points, how well you use evidence, how effectively you counter your opponent, and overall persuasiveness.
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****Policy Debate Structure: Modified for CCM**

Notes:

Abbreviations:

- (1A) - First Affirmative
- (2A) - Second Affirmative
- (1N) - First Negative
- (2N) - Second Negative

Shortened structure:

1. First affirmative constructive (1AC): 5 min
2. Cross examination by 2N: 2 min
3. First negative constructive (1N): 5 min
4. Cross examination by 1A: 2 min
5. Second affirmative constructive (2A): 5 min
6. Cross examination by 1N: 2 min

-Pause-

7. Second negative constructive (2N): 5 min
8. Cross examination (2A): 2 min
9. Rebuttal prep: 2 min

-NO NEW ARGUMENTS-

10. Negative rebuttal: 3 min (delivered by either negative)
11. Affirmative rebuttal: 3 min (delivered by either affirmative)

Discussion Formats:

Socratic Seminar: In a Socratic Seminar, the discussion will be much more free-form compared to a formal Lincoln Douglas style session. The focus will be on exploring the underlying concepts of the topic through open-ended dialogue. For instance, if we are discussing free will, we will delve into various perspectives: What would determinists argue? How would libertarians respond? What stance would compatibilists take?

Participants are encouraged to actively listen, engage respectfully, and share their personal experiences related to the concept. The facilitator will guide the conversation, ensuring that all voices are heard and that the discussion remains on track. This type of session aims not only to inform participants about philosophical concepts but also to foster a space for open and inclusive discourse.

For Officers:

Mission Statement:

The Debate Society of CCM is committed to fostering excellence in free intellectual discourse through hosting events, debates, and Socratic seminars. Our topics will include, but are not limited to, philosophy, current events, politics, and history.

Constitution / Rules :

To participate and be an active member of the CCM Debate Society all members must abide by these common sense rules.

- You may not insult or physically attack another Debate Society member or staff person. Respect for one another is expected.

- You will not do anything to compromise the peace within our meetings, including but not limited to arguing, raising your voice, or distracting the meeting or others, which could jeopardize the Debate Society's sessions.

-You must follow the outlined rules of the debate/discourse we will have during The Debate Society sessions to be able to properly participate.

-rules are subject to change according to leadership.