

2025-2026 Varsity Debate Syllabus

First Semester:

1. Introduction to Argument
2. Fallacies and Responses
3. Team Policy Debate
4. Researching the Topic
5. Affirmative Cases
6. Negative Arguments
7. Speech Organization
8. Cross Examination
9. Flowing the Round
10. Practice Rounds

Additional topics covered throughout the year:

1. Reasons for Debate
2. Resolutional Analysis
3. Evidence Standards
4. The Art of Persuasion
5. Voting Issues
6. Judge Adaptation

2025-2026 Stoa Team Policy Resolution:

Resolved: The United States Federal Government should substantially reform its policy toward one or more countries in Central/South America.

2025-2026 Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Resolutions:

1. Resolved: In foreign policy, diplomacy is more effective than military intervention. (October 1- December 31)
2. Resolved: Incrementalism is superior to radicalism as a means to achieve social change. (January 1- March 9)
3. Resolved: Practical skills should be valued over theoretical knowledge. (March 10- NITOC)

