

Forensics (Speech and Debate) Team

Purpose and Goals

Forensics is competitive speech and debate. Forensics students compete in various events, such as persuasive speaking, impromptu speaking, interpretation of literature, and debate.

Student Population Served

The forensics courses are open to all students, regardless of major or degree plan, and include coaching support and speaking opportunities before audiences at intercollegiate speech tournaments. Students can enroll in a one-unit, two-unit, or three-unit section of the course, with the number of units corresponding to the minimum course requirements.

Number of Students Served Annually and Capacity

On average the forensics team consists of 15-20 students per year; it has a capacity of 40.

High-Impact Interventions

Forensics is a co-curricular activity, meaning students receive course credit for participating on the forensics team. This co-curricular activity supports general understanding and appreciation for public speaking.

Intended Impacts and Measured Outcomes

Increased participation in tournaments and support for public speaking.

Did You Know?

Beginners are welcome! Tournaments have a division just for people who have very little speaking experience but want to learn and improve.

