

Points of View

Instructor

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Class Dates

Fridays 16:30 – 17:30

2020 October 24th – 2021 January 22nd

Online Method

ZOOM

Class Summary

- The aim of this class is to develop familiarity and experience with the conventions of debating in English.
- There will be a focus on constructing and rebutting arguments, expressing opinions and perspectives for and against the topics under scrutiny.

Requirements

- Students must be comfortable with expressing themselves, giving opinions and having those opinions challenged. This is an intermediate/advanced class and is unsuitable for beginners.

Attainment Targets

- The objective is to raise students' ability to create arguments and identify weaknesses of others' arguments so that they will be better equipped to take part in formal debates in English.
- By the end of the course students are expected to:
 - Construct and lay out arguments in support of or against given topics.
 - Be able to defend their point of view with clarity and confidence.
 - Be able to coherently argue against an opposing point of view.
 - Understand the structure and tactics of debating.

Assessment Criteria

- Progress will be evaluated by students themselves and their peers.
- It is hoped that there will be an opportunity to hold a speech contest or a debate with students from another university.

Capacity

Approximately 12 students