# C-ID Descriptor Argumentation or Argumentation and Debate

## **Descriptor Details**

• **Descriptor Title**: Argumentation or Argumentation and Debate

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## **General Description**

Methods of critical inquiry and advocacy. Identifying fallacies in reasoning and language, testing evidence and evidence sources, advancing a reasoned position, and defending and refuting arguments. Analysis, presentation, and evaluation of oral and written arguments.

# **Prerequisites**

No information provided

## **Corequisites**

No information provided

#### **Advisories**

No information provided

## **Content**

- 1. Methods of critical inquiry, reasoning, and
- 2. Advocacy and argumentation techniques
- 3. Logical fallacies and ethical arguments

- 4. Research skills, analysis and evaluation of evidence and sources
- 5. Critical analysis of discourse
- 6. Analysis, presentation, and evaluation of oral and written arguments

#### Lab Activities

## **Objectives**

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1. Critically evaluate reasoning and evidence.
- 2. Develop an understanding of the reasoning process and skill in utilizing various methods of reasoning.
- 3. Analyze, advocate, and criticize ideas, especially through the process of debate.
- 4. Recognize fallacies of reasoning and argue ethically.
- 5. Develop research skills.
- 6. Foster the use of critical thinking skills in oral and written communication.
- 7. Identify which kinds of arguments prove particularly open to cultural sensitivity.

#### **Evaluation Methods**

May include: Oral presentation in front of live audience; examinations; evaluation of the oral arguments of others; written analysis of reasoning and arguments; use of appropriate evidence from research; debates.

### **Textbooks**

Martenay. Arguing Using Critical Thinking. (Latest edition.) LibreTexts. (OER).

Mills. How Arguments Work - A Guide to Writing and Analyzing Texts in College. LibreTexts. (OER).

Zarefsky, D. The Practice of Argumentation: Effective Reasoning in Communication. (Latest edition.) Cambridge University Press.

Rybacki, D. & Rybacki, K. Advocacy and Opposition: An Introduction to Argumentation. (Latest edition). Allyn & Bacon.