



# 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

None

### Corequisites

None

### Advisories

None

## **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.