

# **DRUG LAW AND POLICY**

**Fall 2019**

## **Debate Format**

As a part of the class participation and engagement element of the course, the Policy Debates are designed to engage students in a fun way to apply classroom material in an advocacy context. The Debates also offer an opportunity to hone presentation and persuasive public speaking skills that parallel a number of employment settings.

### Procedure

1. Opening statement: Position 1 (90 sec)
2. Opening statement: Position 2 (90 sec)
3. Rebuttals and discussion: open floor for entire team (6-8 min)
4. Closing statement Position 2 (90 sec)
5. Closing statement Position 1 (90 sec)

### Opening and closing statements

- Pre-assigned at random
- Timed by judge

### Rebuttals and discussion

- Pre-assigned at random
- Open floor
- All team members can participate, but priority given to those not giving opening or closing statements

### Evaluation

- Timer/Judge makes the call, based on (1) "Head" and (2) "Heart"