

In-sessional English

Semester 1: INU6054 Legal debate skills

The module aims to help students to develop their legal debate knowledge and skills.

Intended knowledge outcomes:

- A basic understanding of four law topics and related key vocabulary
- Awareness of what effective interaction in classroom discussion might look like
- Awareness of what a written discussion might look like

Intended skills outcomes:

- Identify and express thoughts on a topic
- Support an argument with logic and evidence
- Share and defend an argument in a debate or discussion

Course outline

Lesson 1: Introduction to debate in speaking and writing, exploring collaborative learning in PG study, noticing effective interaction in an authentic seminar discussion, practice discussion and reflection

Lesson 2: Topic – Money Laundering

- Focus – Developing topic knowledge, noticing effective interaction in an authentic discussion, discussing responses to a scenario

Lesson 3: Topic – Money Laundering

- Focus – Reviewing topic knowledge, defending ideas in a discussion, defending ideas in a written paragraph

Lesson 4: Topic - Interdisciplinarity and technology

- Focus - Developing topic knowledge, noticing effective interaction in an authentic discussion, discussing responses to a scenario

Lesson 5: Topic - Interdisciplinarity and technology

- Focus - Reviewing and developing topic knowledge, defending opinions with evidence, small group discussion, noticing language for critical argumentation in writing

Lesson 6: Topic: Corporate misconduct

- Focus – Developing topic knowledge, justifying and defending a position in a discussion

Lesson 7: Topic: Corporate misconduct

- Focus – Reviewing and developing topic knowledge, defending opinions in a group discussion, expectations of discussion-based writing and analyzing the question.

Lesson 8: Topic – International law

- Focus - Developing topic knowledge, discussing responses to a scenario and collaborating to build understanding.

Lesson 9: Topic – International law

- Focus – Reviewing and developing topic knowledge, considering counter arguments in speaking and writing, group discussion and reflection

Lesson 10: Conclusion

- Focus - Class debate