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Overview of **SPEECH and INTRO. to DEBATE** (Grades 10-12)

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Required Textbooks:

- **Sound Speech, Student Edition** (Bob Jones University Press) — ISBN: 978-1606822364
- **An Introduction to Policy Debate** (Christy L. Shipe)

SSI Fee: \$25/semester (see additional note below)

Goals:

- Comfort with public speaking
- Understanding the role of public and private communication in God's will for our lives.
- Understanding speaker etiquette
- Command of various speech types: Impromptu, Informative, Persuasive, Call to Action, and more
- Understanding the role of logic and emotion in communication
- Effective use of research techniques
- Affirmative Case construction & Negative Case construction
- Ability to defend an argument
- Ability to criticize constructively

All Humanities, Speech and Government students will be required to participate in an On-Site Student Statesmanship Institute (SSI) during the year

Students will discuss and debate, both in writing and in speeches, what a Christian citizen's responsibility is. Students would also be expected to display higher level thinking skills and stronger mechanics in the written speeches. These added components would complement both the U.S. Government and the *Understanding the Times* classes. Students can expect to spend an average of 1 hour a day on homework.

Grading: The grade for this course will be weighted by the following:

- 50% Speeches
- 20% Debate
- 30% Written work

Grading Scale	
90-100%	=A
80-89%	=B
70-79%	=C
60-69%	=D
Less than 60%	=E