

What is the LD Debate Institute?



LD is a component of the National Summer Institute in Forensics at the University of Iowa. It is an official program of the University, with a rich history of debate activities for more than 100 years.

LD Debate Institute is about a staff of champions training champions. 19 (and counting) former Iowa participants have appeared in the Final LD Round of the NFL National Tournament. The personal and professional collegiality of Iowa's staff is unparalleled.

Iowa's staff to student ratio promises the one-on-one instruction needed to gain the advantage on the highly technical argument issues challenging debaters today. With the diversity of debate philosophies among our staff, we will develop a wide set of possible strategies on the topic throughout the institute.

Iowa offers a revolutionary new approach to the summer learning experience—small numbers in each division, advance preparation of materials, an intensive and structured schedule, close communication among faculty and students *throughout the year*, extensive guided and independent practice, diversity in teachers, students, and curriculum, and our belief that students benefit from a variety of approaches. It's first-class debate preparation at an affordable price.

Be the best. Be at Iowa.

Visit www.iowadebate.com for more info!



What is the Curriculum Like?

Iowa offers four different divisions of Lincoln-Douglas Debate:

- **Traditional Labs** will focus on a slower, more oratorical writing and speaking style. Argument development will be rooted in major philosophical and pragmatic themes related to the topic.
- **Progressive Labs** will focus on strategic elements of casing and rebuttals that include a more rapid rate of speaking, the application of policy debate practices to LD, and how to improve technical efficiency.
- **Mixed Labs** are offered to provide students with the opportunity to build cases and strategies that have elements of both traditional and progressive styles. Students will learn versatility in rates of speaking as well as types of argumentation.
- **3rd Week Option** is dedicated to practice rounds offering an additional 14 critiqued debates and individual attention. Two additional topics for the upcoming year will be covered.



Iowa emphasizes the needs of the student based on the student's desire to compete locally, regionally, or nationally. We permit students to design their own curriculum based on their novice, intermediate, or varsity standing.

Students are divided into Interlab divisions by debate experience. Here, students learn skills such as cross examination, word economy, rebuttal strategies, argument design, execution, and refutation, and find which methods work best for them.

What Resources Will Be Available?

The University of Iowa's world-class research facilities will be made available. Institute participants have full check-out privileges at the University libraries. The main library is the 23rd largest collection in the nation.

How Much Does the Program Cost?

Admission: Based on eligibility and first-come, first serve.

Dates: **Monday, June 23—Sunday, July 6, 2008**

The tuition is \$1,450, plus \$50 round-trip airport shuttle (if applicable) and \$40 refundable security deposit.

3rd Week Option Dates: **June 23—July 13, 2008**

The tuition is \$2,000, plus \$50 round-trip airport shuttle (if applicable) and \$40 refundable security deposit.

Because the Institute is a non-profit, we are able to be one of the most affordable programs in the country! Every dollar is invested back into the institute to provide the best education possible.

Tuition includes all reproduced materials, 3 daily meals 7 days a week, local telephone service, semi-private air-conditioned room, fees, *The Best of Iowa* (an intellectual compilation of staff topic analysis and topic bibliography), and expert instruction.

"I knew nothing about Lincoln-Douglas debate before coming to Iowa. But the educational experience I gained has given me great competitive success."

—Jordan Theisen



How do I apply?

Go to www.iowadebate.com. A completed online application is required, along with a \$200 nonrefundable deposit. The National Summer Institute in Forensics can only accept credit card payments via the secure server on the Iowa Debate website.

Enrollment begins February 1, 2008!

All application materials must arrive on or before June 1, 2008. After that time, invitations may be sent to other candidates.

Why Choose Iowa?

Iowa boasts a long history of debate success. Our staff of champions have collectively won every national forensics award in the country. Be a part of this tradition. Be the best. Be at Iowa.



- Fun and productive, but also well supervised and safe
- Earn college credit by attending
- One of the lowest tuitions in the nation
- Learn a diverse set of argument discourses
- Offers a marketplace of ideas
- Unlimited access to University libraries
- University sanctioned, we don't just rent the space
- Meet new people from around the country
- Gain access to coaching throughout the year
- Free paper and digital format of collected evidence

- The University of Iowa was voted 24th best public university in the nation (*U.S. News & World Report*, 2008)



- Incredibly low student-to-staff ratio. It's all about you!



"Nothing prepared me better for Varsity than the three weeks I spent at Iowa."

-Kirstie Kimball



- Supervised lab settings—don't have to fend for yourself.
- Diverse curriculum, based on student's needs
- Any age is welcome
- Staff lead some of the "top labs" at second session institutes.
- Numerous debate rounds
- Camp-generated only research
- Our dedication to excellence

2008 LD Staff!

Cherian Koshy

Director of LD Debate, Apple Valley High School; Corporate and political consultant; National Forensic League; Joy of Tournaments, three-time Iowa participant; Iowa Instructor for 8 years.

Jessica Bailey

Director of Forensics at Edina High School; M.A. UNC-Chapel Hill Philosophy; B.A. University of Minnesota.

Stephanie Bell

University of Chicago; 2-time Iowa state champion; runner up at MBA Round Robin; octafinalist at the TOC; qualified to the TOC three times; currently an assistant coach at Valley High School.

Tim Case

Director of Forensics at Presentation High School, San Jose, CA; NFL National Champion in LD and a two-time NCFI National Champion Coach; has coached champions of every major tournament.

Susan Morrow

Sophomore Yale University; first LDer from New Mexico to qualify to the TOC since 1992; quarterfinalist and 5th speaker at Iowa Round Robin; cleared at every national tournament she attended.

Dan Myers

Director of LD Debate at The Meadows School in Las Vegas; Policy and LD coach of TOC and NFL National qualifiers and competitors in outrounds at the TOC in LD.

J.J. Rodriguez

Couch San Marino High School, CA, and Director of Debate Loyola Marymount, CA; 2nd World's Parliamentary Debate Tournament; students placing in the Top Ten at NFL Nationals.

Johanna Tyler

Sophomore U.T. at Austin; Championship high school debater.



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