

COMS 160: Argumentation & Debate
Professor: Kim Perigo
San Diego Mesa College Honors Addendum
Spring 2012

Honors: Honors contract changes the course requirements in the following ways:

- a. **More opportunity for writing and exploration of theory:** The honor student will read at least 3 academic journal articles with a focus on debate theory. The student will write a one-page summary of each article with discussion on how the theory presented in the article is relevant to the activity of debate and how it could successful be used in an academic debate.
- b. **Communication-based experiences/Observation:** The honor student will participate in at least two out of class communication experiences. The student will provide a reaction paper summarizing the events observed and an analysis of the communication. For the fall of 2012, the student may observe:
 - i. Point Loma Nazarene, Sunset Cliffs Classic Tournament, February 3-4;
 - ii. Speech and Debate Showcase, TBA; or
 - iii. Any Humanities Institute event/film, throughout the semester.
- c. **Participation:** The honor student will be expected to participate at a higher degree, with daily class discussion and participation.
- d. **Higher Performance:** The honor student's in-class debate will demonstrate the use of academic journals and will be held to a higher standard than the average class debate.
- e. **Meet with Professor:** Meet with the instructor at least 4 times during the semester to discuss the direction and profess of the student's work on the Honors projects: papers, observations, group project.

Honors Grading Criteria:

<i>ASSIGNMENT</i>	<i>POINT VALUE</i>	<i>PERCENTAGE</i>	<i>INCREASE FOR HONORS</i>
Participation	100	10%	
Midterm Exam	100	10%	
Final Exam	200	20%	
In-Class Debates	200	20%	
2 x 100 points each			
Quizzes	140	14%	
Exercises	60	6%	
Journal Articles	100	10%	10%
Observation Events with	100	10%	10%
Papers			
2 x 50 points each			
Total	1000	100%	20%

Grade	Point Value
A	900-1000
B	800-899
C	700-799
D	600-699
F	599 or lower