

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## ELP 302: Discussions and Debates

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: \*.\*

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

This course moves students from using their oral language skills for personal interactions to using them for professional interactions. Students learn how business meetings in a variety of work settings differ from conversations and how language choices alter as well. Students learn some of the formal mechanisms of conducting a meeting and some of the formal mechanisms of debate, such as argumentation and rebuttal. Must earn grade of B or higher in ELP 202 and get instructor permission to enroll for this course OR get acceptable score on placement test and instructor permission.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 09/01/2016 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Develop ability to follow the actions and decisions in a formal business meeting and take minutes.
2. Develop ability to listen for logical fallacies in arguments.
3. Develop ability to make a motion.
4. Develop ability to open and close a business meeting using an agenda.
5. Develop ability to present an argument following a deductive pattern of reasoning.
6. Develop ability to present an argument following an inductive pattern of reasoning.
7. Develop ability to present an oral argument.
8. Develop ability to write an agenda.

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted