

**Murrieta Valley Unified School District
High School Course Outline
April 2011**

Department: Electives
Course Title: Speech and Debate/Academic Competitions
Course Number: 1840
Grade Level: 10 - 12
Length of Course: Semester
Prerequisite: Instructor's approval

Course Description: This course may be taken multiple times for credit.

I. Goals

The student will:

- A. Demonstrate the ability to communicate in both written and oral form
- B. Demonstrate content knowledge for mock trial, academic decathlon and speech competitions
- C. Research specific topics set forth by the instructor and/or mock trial, academic decathlon and speech competitions
- D. Utilize reading, writing, speaking, critical thinking and interpersonal skills in preparation for mock trial, academic decathlon and speech competitions
- E. Engage in positive interaction with adults in the community related to mock trial, academic decathlon and speech competitions
- F. Demonstrate the ability to be part of mock trial, academic decathlon and speech competition teams

II. Outline of Content for Major Areas of Study

- A. Analyze legal concepts and relevant social issues for use in competition
- B. Organize thoughts to write effective speeches and essays

- C. Prepare and deliver well organized speeches on a variety of issues
- D. Apply a variety of research methods to find and synthesize information
- E. Apply content knowledge to competition specifications
- F. Apply deductive and inductive reasoning in the solution of competition type problems

III. Accountability Determinants

- A. Practice tests and quizzes
- B. Speeches
- C. Essays

IV. Required Text

None

V. Supplementary Materials

None