

USU Western Region Championship

@ Cal Poly San Luis Obispo



The Cal Poly Debate Team would like to invite you to the second United States Universities Western Region Championship at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in California on March 4-6, 2016. The purpose of this tournament is to draw universities from around the Western U.S. to determine who is the best in the west at BP debate prior to the United States Universities Debate Championship. Participation is not bound by region; schools from anywhere are invited to participate. The tournament will feature six preliminary rounds of British Parliamentary Debate debate followed by two out-rounds. Should a team from outside the western region win the tournament, they will receive the title of tournament champion and the team hailing from a school situated anywhere from the Rockies to Hawaii that advances furthest in the competition will be crowned Western Region Champion.

Highlights

- A professionally lead tournament that is designed to run on time.
- Pretournament training seminars targeted at both novice and advanced debaters.
- A picturesque setting in the heart of Central California's beautiful coastal wine country.
- In-N-Outs located in neighboring Arroyo Grande & Atascadero
- A historic Spanish mission for history enthusiasts and Catholics.
- A killer food, beer, and wine scene.
- Weather that is likely to be in the mid-60s to mid-70s.
- Completely non-tournament sanctioned happy hours in historic Downtown San Luis Obispo

Tournament

The tournament offers British Parliamentary debate, the format used at the WUDC and USUDC tournaments, and will be following the international guidelines for WUDC competition including consensus judging, individual preparation and the international 4-team 8-speaker format. If you're new to WUDC debate we hope that you consider attending, the format is easy to learn and inclusive. You can read about WUDC style debate here: <http://debate.uvm.edu/>

Also, the tournament offers a judge and debater briefing before it begins to give all parties a chance to ask any clarifying questions. Please email me in advance if you need more information.

Tournament Registration and Fees

You can register for the tournament at forensicstournament.net. Registration is open now through March 1, 5pm PST. We've tried to keep fees as low as possible. Each two person BP debate team will cost \$60, and each school must provide (N-1) judges where N is the number of teams entered. Teams uncovered by judges will cost an additional \$50 for a total of \$170 per uncovered team. We can only accept cash or check. We are also looking to hire judges. If that interests you, contact the Tournament Directors—Chris Skiles (cskiles@calpoly.edu) or John Patrick (jopatric@calpoly.edu).

Lodging

Tournament hotel TBA. There are also many other motels and hotels near Cal Poly, all of which are centrally located and near downtown.

Directions

Cal Poly is located at 1 Grand Ave. San Luis Obispo, CA 93407. From the 101 Freeway, exit on grand. If traveling north, make a left. If traveling south, make a right from the freeway exit and an immediate left onto Loomis. Follow Loomis to Grand and make a right.

Awards

We will have speaker awards for the top five individual speakers and recognize the top ten. We will also have awards for all the participants in the final round debate, and recognize all teams in the eliminations rounds. Ballots and results will be distributed electronically.

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Tournament Schedule

Friday, March 4

4:00 pm check in

4:30 pm Briefing

5:00 pm Round 1 motion, debate

7:00 pm Round 2 motion, debate

9:00 pm Hangout downtown

Saturday, March 5

8:00 am Check-In and Registration (Library)

8:30 am Round 3 Round 1 motion, debate

10:30 am Round 4 motion, debate

12:30 pm Lunch

2:30 pm Round 5 motion, debate

4:30 pm Round 6 motion, debate

6:30 pm Hangout downtown

Sunday, March 6

8:30 Roll Call

9:00 Round 7 motion, debate

11:00 Round 8 motion, debate

1:00 Lunch Break, Off Campus

3:00 Semifinal motion, debate

5:00 Final motion, debate

7:00 Hang out downtown