

# Welcome to Communication Studies 104, Argumentation and Debate

## The Game

In this Communication Studies 104 class you will be introduced to the argumentation skills that will allow you to take charge of your life. Among the many skills we will be exploring include how to analyze arguments, detect logical fallacies, determine the accuracy of evidence and internet sites, how to communicate your position and how to strengthen your critical thinking and decision making skills.

And we will be learning these skills by playing the **White House Rise to Power** game.



This is not a traditional online class, it is more of a role playing video game. In this class you will be introduced to twelve key argumentation skills. You start the class as a Visitor to the White House and by mastering each new argumentation skill, you can work your way up level by level to White House Chief of Staff, and a grade of “A”.

Everyone in the class can earn an “A” if they put in the time and effort, usually about 5 - 6 hours per week.

### The textbook

Is Free. No cost to you.

### Student Reactions

From last year as students reached higher and higher levels in the class:

*“I made it! The modules are fun to read like professor said it’s more of a game. Adds a little twist to the work and makes me look forward to it.”*

*"I made it! This class is more like a game. I have had many other online classes and this one is very different. It's fun and makes me want to keep going with the class."*

*"I Made It! I love this class! I have 2 other classes and I just leave the other ones halfway come back to this class :)"*

### **Fulfills the Critical thinking Requirement**

Communication Studies 104 fulfills the Critical Thinking requirement in both the General Education Certification for an AA Degree and the California State University transfer.

### **Questions?**

If you have any questions about the class, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Let the game begin!**

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