

ENGLISH DEBATING CLUB Levels (B2), C1, C2

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The English Debating Club is open to all members of the ENPC (students, research staff, personnel) plus any friends or relations interested. For this reason, the club meetings are held in the evening, usually between 6.30 and 8.30 pm.

The English Debating Club's first role is to offer a forum for actual debating in English in various formats and on a wide range of subjects: there will be an actual debate of some kind every week. Its second role is to provide the organization, coaching, and other kinds of practical help for students interested in representing the ENPC in competitive debates against other grandes écoles and institutions. The ENPC is a member of the French Debating Association comprising X, ENA, ENSAE, ENS, Ponts, TélécomParis, ECP, HEC, Mines de Paris, Paris II Assas Pantheon, Paris V Descartes, and Sciences Po. There is a final at the Hôtel de Lassay (the official residence of the President of the Assemblée Nationale) in March, which the Ecole des Ponts ParisTech won in 2008.

We will also participate in the annual Paris IV in British Parliamentary World's style, and also hope to send well-prepared candidates to overseas competitions in the same format.

Participants are welcome on a "come when you can" basis, but students wanting to validate a module for this activity will be expected to put in as many hours in and out of the school as for any language module. Otherwise, this is a club, not a classroom.

GRADING

20% Regular Participation in Class

20% Oral (4 mini présentations & participation during discussion)

30% Written & Assignments (Weekly exercises)

20% Autonomous Project

10% Final Exam