

Academic Year 2021-2022

High School (T1-T4) – After School Workshops:

1. **Multilingual Digital Storytelling** - Wednesdays 3:00PM-4:00PM
2. **Model Congress** – Tuesdays 3:00PM-4:00PM
3. **Debate & Public Speaking** – Tuesdays 3:00PM-4:00PM
4. **Advanced Competitive Debate: Practice & Preparation** – Wednesdays 4:30-5:30PM
5. **Film Making** – Thursdays 3:00PM-4:00PM
6. **Written Out Loud (Virtual classes)** - Fridays 4:30PM-5:30PM
7. **Philosophy** - Fridays 3:00PM-4:00PM

We are pleased to announce the launch of a series of **Multilingual digital storytelling workshops** conducted by Mr. Marc Smith, UNIS Faculty Art Department. This weekly club explores filmmaking, animation and storytelling using the many languages of our UNIS community. The completed films will be a part of a global storytelling program run by Goldsmiths University, London.

For the High School students in addition to **Model UN, Model Congress** and **Debate & Public Speaking** workshops, we offer **Philosophy** and **Film Making** that inspires.

Model Congress

This training is offered to high school students T1-T4 - on Tuesdays
In these workshops the students learn about the electoral process, lobby for issues they are passionate about, draft and deliver bills, amend legislation, debate about international policy and learn how to effectively represent a constituent body of their choosing. The materials from The Constitutional Rights Foundation, ICivics (founded by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor) and the National Model U.S. Congress are used in classes. These resources have been proven to improve students' civic knowledge, presentation, and core literacy skills. New research has also shown that the use of the materials has also led to increased participation in the democratic process. The objective in this course is to educate the next generation, nurture and inculcate a passion for civics and history and encourage young people to advocate for themselves.

The instructor of this class is Ms. Amanda Sawyer, Founder, Director, Dedimus Potestatem. Her program was developed in conjunction with The University of Cambridge.

Debate & Public Speaking

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The objective of this program is to prepare students for the myriad situations that require formal and informal presentations. It is offered on Mondays from 4:15-5:15PM -

Students will learn to craft and present arguments and inform, persuade and motivate an audience in a variety of ways. The grading rubric was adapted with the permission of Neil Mercer, the Director of research and Head of Faculty at The University of Cambridge.

This course includes:

- The Impromptu Speech
- The Informative Speech
- The Persuasive Speech
- Parliamentary Debate

The instructor of this class is Ms. Amanda Sawyer. Her program is focused on social skills, public speaking and presentation, and it was developed in conjunction with The University of Cambridge. For more information, click here for the Debate Workshop brochure.

Advanced Competitive Debate: Practice & Preparation

This class is for more seasoned competitive debaters that wish to focus solely on preparing and practicing for the upcoming debate tournaments.

It will focus on more advanced debate techniques, such as persuasive openings, sustainable counter plans, solvency, calls to action, fulfilling the burden of proof and how to handle impromptu challenging situations in a competitive debate environment.

This class is for debaters that wish to grow as competitive speakers –

Film Making

Young people all over the world have begun using social media platforms to amplify minority voices, educate people about social justice issues and share science, poetry, art, movement, culture and more.

In this class students will learn to capture brief videos that share important and inspiring messages with the world, analyze movements from other young activists that have impacted their communities and use these platforms to advocate for a better world.

Written Out Loud “Virtual Course”

In this class the students will fall in love with writing and will publish their first book! Group storytelling creates friendships and habits that the students will carry with them for the rest of their lives.



Written Out Loud has transformed over 500 creative students into joyful co-authors of published books. This is done by revealing the age-old storytelling tools and techniques buried in their favorite books, movies and shows. This program was pioneered at Yale University by Joshua Shelov and taught by Hollywood and publishing pros.

Philosophy

The focus of the Philosophy class is to examine and understand the ideas behind the most popular philosophies embraced throughout the world. To do this, students examine ethical situations through the lens of these philosophies and engage in a Socratic style debate. Students are presented with an ethical question and they must identify stakeholders and players within the dilemma, discuss the key moral issues and present opposing viewpoints. The course is taught by Mr. Andy Snyder, Philosophy professor from CUNY associated with *Dedimus Potestatem*.

Andy Snyder is a former State Champion debater and currently teaches Critical Thinking, Introduction to Philosophy, Ethics and Moral Issues and Philosophy of Religion at the City University of New York.

Andy Snyder was the President of Emory's debate team, coached at University of Chicago when he was a graduate student there. He has been involved in Urban Debate Leagues in Atlanta, Chicago, and NYC.

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