



UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
 29TH ANNUAL CAPITAL CONFERENCE
AT&T Hotel and Conference Center-UT Austin
June 26-27, 2025

The following are sessions that could be scheduled. *A full program list with times coming in May.*

Timeline

Thursday, June 26, 2025

Session 1 9 am – 9:45 am
 Session 2 10 am – 10:45 am
 Session 3 11 am – 11:45 am

<Lunch>

Session 4 1:15 pm – 2 pm
 Session 5 2:15 pm – 3 pm

<Break >

Session 6 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm
 Session 7 4:30 pm – 5:15 pm

Friday, June 27, 2025

Breakfast with the Best Panel Discussion
 8:30 am – 9:15 am

Session 1 9:30 am – 10:15 am
 Session 2 10:30 am – 11:15 am
 Session 3 11:30 am – 12:15 pm

<Lunch>

Session 4 1:45 pm – 2:30 pm
 Session 5 2:45 pm – 3:30 pm
 Session 6 3:45 pm – 4:30 pm

Coordinators

ACADEMIC COORDINATORS

How To Get Started.
 Coordinators and Coaches Update.

Academics

ACCOUNTING

Accounting Regional Level.
 Accounting State Level.
 Accounting Basics and District Level.

CURRENT ISSUES AND EVENTS

Using Current Events in the Classroom.
 Preparing for the Essay Portion.

ESSAYS

Essay Contest Overview.

LITERARY CRITICISM

The Absolute Basics.
 Poetry Explication and the Tie-Breaking Essay
 The 2025-2026 Reading List.

READY WRITING

You Be the Ready Writing Judge.
 The 2025 State-Winning Ready Writing Essays.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Introduction to the Social Studies Contest.
 In-Depth with Social Studies.
 Preparing for the Essay Portion.

SPELLING AND VOCABULARY

Becoming Legitimate Logophilic Laureates.
 A Roundtable Q&A.

JOURNALISM

Resources Tips for Journalism Contests.
 Building a UIL Journalism Team.

Speech, Debate & Congress

ORAL INTERPRETATION

Finding & Cutting Literature for Competition.
 Documentation Made Easy.
 "Category" Roundtable: To Be or Not to Be?
 Activities for Deeper Engagement with Texts.
 Judging Oral Interpretation events.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

The Basics for the New Coach.
 Developing a Foundation of Knowledge.
 Running Effective Extemp Practices.
 Media Bias: Making Good Choices for Sources.
 Making the Speech Memorable.

CROSS-EXAMINATION DEBATE

Basics of Policy Debate.
 Topic Analysis: The Artic - Aff & Neg.
 Demystifying Policy Debate.
 Judge Adaptation at UIL CX State.

LINCOLN DOUGLAS DEBATE

Introduction to Coaching Value Debate.
 Crafting a Compelling Framework.
 Maximizing the Rebuttal.
 Planning Debate Practice.

CONGRESS

Rules, Skills, Practice - Congress 101.
 Writing Effective Congressional Legislation.
 Judging Congress.
 Training Presiding Officers.

GENERAL SPEECH

From There to Here: Growing a Speech Team.
 Surviving Burnout: Students and Teachers.
 Basic Training for New Speech Coaches.
 Schedule for Practice & Preparation.
Great Ideas for Teaching & Coaching Speech.

A+ Academics

A+ ACADEMICS

Everyone Gets an A+: Successful Coordinating.
 A+ Meet Hosting.
 A+ Music Memory.
 A+ Impromptu Speaking and Modern Oratory.
 A+ Oral Reading.
 A+ Storytelling.
 A+ Math Events.
 A+ Science.

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A+ Chess.

STEM

CALCULATOR APPLICATIONS

An Informal Conversation with the State Director.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Coaching and Program Building.

MATHEMATICS

Contest Overview.

NUMBER SENSE

There are NO TRICKS in Number Sense!

ROBOTICS

Alphabet Soup – A Beginner's Guide to UIL Robotics.

SCIENCE

Contest Overview and Roundtable Discussion.
 Biology Deep Dive.
 Chemistry Deep Dive.
 Physics Deep Dive.

Theatre

ONE ACT PLAY

The A-Z Beginner's Guide.
 OAP and the Rules of the Game.
 A+ OAP- Junior High One Act Play Contest.
 One-Act Play Technical Specials Demo.
 Navigating Through A UIL Theatrical Season.
 Costume Design MAKE IT WORK!
 Sound and Stage.

THEATRICAL DESIGN CONTEST

What is Theatrical Design?
 2025-26 Prompt Release
 Focus on the Categories (Part 1).
 Focus on the Categories (Part 2).

FILM CONTEST

A Beginner's Guide to Filmmaking.
 Starting and Building a Film Program