

## 2016 General Election Debates Schedule

The **Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD)** is a bipartisan nonprofit corporation that sponsors and produces debates for the United States presidential and vice presidential candidates and undertakes research and educational activities relating to the debates. The formats for the 90-minute debates are designed to facilitate in-depth discussion of the leading issues facing the nation.

### **First presidential debate (September 26, 2016, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY)**

The debate will be divided into six time segments of approximately 15 minutes each on major topics to be selected by the moderator and announced at least one week before the debate. The moderator will open each segment with a question, after which each candidate will have two minutes to respond. Candidates will then have an opportunity to respond to each other. The moderator will use the balance of the time in the segment for a deeper discussion of the topic.

**Vice presidential debate (October 4, 2016, Longwood University, Farmville, VA)** The debate will be divided into nine time segments of approximately 10 minutes each. The moderator will ask an opening question, after which each candidate will have two minutes to respond. The moderator will use the balance of the time in the segment for a deeper discussion of the topic.

**Second presidential debate (October 9, 2016, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO)** The second presidential debate will take the form of a town meeting, in which half of the questions will be posed directly by citizen participants and the other half will be posed by the moderator based on topics of broad public interest as reflected in social media and other sources. The candidates will have two minutes to respond and there will be an additional minute for the moderator to facilitate further discussion. The town meeting participants will be uncommitted voters selected by the Gallup Organization.

**Third presidential debate (October 19, 2016, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV)**

The format for the debate will be identical to the first presidential debate.

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