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# DIALOGUE SEMINAR PROGRAM

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## Dialogue: Building Understanding, Relationships, Action & Community

First-Year Seminars  
Spring Quarter 2020

Tuesdays, 11:00 am-12:50 pm (EDU 098-008, CRN 62799)

OR Tuesdays, 3:10-5:00 pm (EDU 098-011, CRN 85022)

OR Wednesdays, 1:10-3:00 pm (EDU 098-012, CRN 85023)

Have you ever disagreed strongly with someone? What was the result? Did you walk away? Fight? Avoid each other for years? Keep quiet about your opinion? Each of these options can be unsatisfying. It's not enough just to tolerate different points of view. It is not enough for us to listen politely to someone with whom we disagree strongly. These steps are helpful, even necessary sometimes. But they do not build connections and they do not build community.

How about if you engage in dialogue instead? Dialogue is unique. In dialogue, a small group of participants share authentically, listen deeply, and engage on issues important to the community. Participants are not asked to agree about these important issues or give up their own identities. Instead, they are asked to make a serious effort to take the concerns of others into account even when disagreement persists. They are invited to recognize enough of each other's valid human claims so they act differently toward each other.

In this class, you will engage in dialogue with each other. You will also read, watch, and listen to course material between sessions on topics that help explain the reasons for dialogue, the benefits of dialogue, and the human behavior insights that relate to dialogue, such as the reasons people tend to ignore information that disagrees with their point of view and the differences between inclusion and belonging.

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\* Dialogue Seminars carry EDU-098 course numbering for "Directed Group Study." When enrolling, select "Edit" to change number of units and enroll for 2 units.**