

CIVIC DIALOGUE

Civic dialogue builds bridges between people with different perspectives and views who still need to solve problems together.

This is how we make democracy work. Civic dialogue is a skill set focused on mutual understanding, close connection, and the discovery of new possibilities, particularly useful for exploring difficult issues with others and our community.

The Civic Dialogue Initiative will help students:

Goals

Be curious – not judgmental

Find common ground through various perspectives

Listen to others – even those who don't agree with them

Consider new ideas to solve problems in a fresh way

Disagree better (even about politics!)

IMPROVING WORLD-READY SKILLS

Employers tell us that the three most important career-ready competencies are: communication, critical thinking, and teamwork.

The Civic Dialogue Initiative will contribute to these areas, equipping students today with the skills they will need to meet tomorrow's challenges head on. Students will be more effective at building relationships, collaborating, and making decisions that matter.

KEY SKILLS

- Self-Awareness
- Active Listening
- Collaboration

COMMUNICATION

We know that communication skills are important—but being able to express yourself is not enough. Students need skills to respectfully communicate with others.

3 PROGRAMS

We will pilot three program components beginning August 2024:

- **Programming with residence hall students**
- **First-year seminar**
- **Student facilitator training**

We will assess student learning and behavioral outcomes and identify opportunities to scale the initiative effectively to reach more students throughout the pilot.

QUESTIONS

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