INTERGROUP DIALOGUE (IGD) FAQ

Q. What is Intergroup Dialogue?
A. The Intergroup Dialogue (IGD) Program is a nationally recognized 1-credit undergraduate course that brings together small groups of students from diverse backgrounds to share their experiences and gain new knowledge related to diversity and social justice. Trained graduate students co-facilitate each course section.

Q. What are some past IGD topics?
A. Past section topics include: Race, Gender and Sexual Orientation, Faith and Sexual Orientation, Disability, and Race: Bi/Multiracial Identities.

Q. Where is the IGD Program housed? Where do I get the credit from?
A. The IGD Program is housed in the Center for Multicultural Education and Programs, and the course is housed in the Silver School of Social Work. The IGD model focuses specifically on intergroup dynamics within the context of an institution of higher education while promoting awareness and change in intergroup relations at the individual, cultural, and institutional levels. The guiding assumption is that diversity is an institutional asset and can be used to enhance growth of the NYU community while also achieving specific educational outcomes.

Q. How do I apply for IGD?
A. As an undergraduate student, you can apply to participate in the IGD course by clicking here or by visiting bit.ly/nyudialogue. As a graduate student, you can apply to facilitate IGD by clicking here or by visiting bit.ly/nyudialogue.

Q. What is the application deadline for undergraduate students? What is the application deadline for graduate students?
A. The priority deadline is Sunday, April 24th at 11:59PM. The final deadline is Sunday, September 4th at 11:59PM. These deadlines are for both undergraduate student participants and graduate student facilitators.

Q. What happens after I apply?
A. For Undergraduate Student participants: For priority deadline applicants, you will receive confirmation by April 27-29 and registered by April 29th; for final deadline applicants, you will receive confirmation by September 5-12 and registered by September 12. You will be notified what section you are in by Friday, September 12. You will be required to sign a memorandum of understanding regarding expectations of participation in the course by Monday, September 19, which is the Add/Drop Deadline for Fall 2016. For Graduate Student Facilitator applicants: For priority deadline applicants, you will hear back by April 27-29, for final deadline applicants, you will receive confirmation by September 5-12. Select candidates will be invited to participate in IGD Facilitator Training, and some (or all) of the Trained Facilitators will facilitate dialogues in the spring, pending how many sections are offered, which is based on the number of undergraduate participant applicants.

Q. What is the time requirement for participating in IGD (as an undergraduate student)?
A. The time requirement is the 2 hour course each week from Friday, September 23 to Friday, November 18 (with the exception of Friday of Fall break and November 25) Classes meet Friday typically from 2PM-4PM.
There will be minimal amounts of homework (an article to read, video to watch, or exercise to complete) in between each class meeting.

**Q. When do classes meet?**
Classes are from Friday, September 23 to Friday, November 18 (with the exception of October 7th, the Friday before Fall Break, and November 25th, the Friday during the Thanksgiving holiday break). Classes meet on Fridays, typically from 2PM-4PM.

**Q. Does IGD require a final paper or presentation?**
A. There is an IGD Celebration on Friday, December 2, 2016 from 2-4PM where participants of each section are required to present for approximately 10 minutes and share what they have learned in the dialogue.

**Q. How is the IGD course graded (for undergraduate students)?**
A. Classes are currently graded on a letter grade base. Students MUST attend all class sessions. If a student has 2 or more unexcused absences, they will receive an ‘F’ for the course. There is a maximum allowance of 1 excused absence before additional absences affect and lower the course grade.

**Q. Do I have to take the course for credit (as an undergraduate student)?**
A. YES. There are very rare instances where exceptions are made. For more information, please email cmep@nyu.edu.

**Q. As a Graduate Student Facilitator, do I have to attend training?**
A. To apply, you MUST be available for Training on September 9th from 9AM-5PM and Friday, September 16th from 9AM-5PM.

**Q. What is the time requirement for Graduate Student Facilitators?**
A. The time requirement for IGD Facilitators is approximately 8 hours per week. Facilitators must attend a graduate facilitator course on Fridays from 10AM-11:30AM from September 23 (excluding the Friday off fall break and November 25). Facilitators are also required to have weekly meetings with their coach, submit feedback forms for each class session, and meet with their co-facilitator weekly to develop lesson plans. Due to the commitment IGD requires, facilitators are strongly encouraged to look into IGD as a Field Work or Independent Study. If you are selected or have questions about this, we are happy to help you navigate this process.

**Q. If I am a graduate student, can I register for the IGD Course?**
A. NO. Graduate students can apply to be facilitators for the IGD course. For more information and to apply, click here or visit bit.ly/nyudialogue.

**Q. Who do I contact for more information?**
For more information regarding IGD please email cmep@nyu.edu.

**Q. Where is IGD offered?**
A. IGD is currently only offered at the NYU New York campus.

**Q. What if I leave the application while I’m filling out? Can I finish it later?**
A. You are not able to save an application and come back later to complete it.

**Q. Will I receive a ‘W’ if I withdraw from the course after the add/drop deadline?**
A. If you withdraw from the course after the add/drop deadline (Monday, September 19), you will receive a 'W' on your transcript.

Q. Will I get registered for the section I apply for?
A. We try our best to accommodate participants by placing them in topics they prefer, but we cannot guarantee getting placed in your preferred topic.

Q. Can I switch sections once I find out which section I am enrolled in?
A. No, participants must remain in the section for which they are registered.