

North Park Dialogue (NPD)

The North Park Dialogue is built around some of the most powerful and compelling questions that humankind has ever faced. “Who am I?” and “Why should I be ethical?” are the centerpieces of the first- and second-year Dialogue courses. In the third year, students join the rest of the North Park community as they explore topics such as “Who is my neighbor?”, “Who is God?”, and “What is Truth?”

Reflecting on these questions, which have formed the cornerstone of philosophical, theological, and ethical inquiry for centuries, North Park students not only become an active part of scholarly tradition, they also develop key critical thinking skills and insights necessary for successful and meaningful lives. Through opportunities to respond in writing and discussion, to the important issues at the heart of the curriculum, students explore their own beliefs, deepen their own commitments, and find new ways of expressing ideas and thoughts to others.

Notes and Restrictions

- NPD 1000 and NPD 2000: These courses are not available for Independent Study or Course out of Sequence.
- NPD 1000 and NPD 2000: Students may not test out of these courses.

GE Designates a course that fulfills all or part of a General Education (G.E.) requirement; see the General Education Program section of the catalog for more information.

1000 North Park Dialogue I (4 sh) GE

The First-Year Seminar is an interdisciplinary seminar focused on the classic philosophical question, Who am I?. Students gain an introduction to the educational experience at North Park and sharpen skills of oral and written communication. Prerequisite: WRIT 1000 with a minimum grade of C- or registration by placement.

1200 North Park Dialogue - Student Leadership Symposium (2 sh)

The course allows a select group of dedicated and creative students to develop leadership, teaching, and mentoring skills by working as North Park Dialogue I Peer Academic Advisors. Through direct interaction with students both on and off campus, and under the guidance of a North Park Dialogue I instructor, students will learn the value of liberal education and the skills and methods used to teach and mentor underclassmen in the liberal arts.

2000 North Park Dialogue II (4 sh) GE

The Second-Year Seminar focuses on the question Why should I be ethical?. It furthers each student’s entry into the life of the mind and continues the development of essential communication skills. Prerequisite: NPD 1000. Minimum Grade: C-. Completion of 30 semester hours of coursework or permission of the Director of the Dialogue Program.

3000 North Park Dialogue III (4 sh) GE

In the Third-Year Seminar students join the entire campus community in examining one of several annual theme questions. These interdisciplinary seminars allow students to integrate their own intellectual interests into their understanding of the world and their place in it. Note: While these courses may be cross listed in a major department students must register for NPD 3000 to meet the requirement. A student may not receive credit for North Park Dialogue III and credit in the major.