

SHSU American Democracy Project (ADP) is housed under the Center for Community Engagement (CCE) at SHSU. While the CCE handles community engagement, we are the civic branch of this center. We handle Voter Education, Deliberative Dialogues (DD), and the ADP Speaker Series. SHSU ADP is supported by the Houston Endowment. They have given us a grant for the past 3 years and we are in year three of this grant.

Deliberative Dialogue helps participants tackle wicked problems through understanding, searching for common ground, and finding shared values. These dialogues are facilitated and moderated by faculty, staff, and students who have been in our DD-ACE program or work for our ADP team. The requirements are listed below:

Instructor Requirements:

- *What is Deliberative Dialogue?* Orientation
- Complete **CDI Perspectives** (6 short lessons; 80% or higher)
- Participate in one ADP-sponsored DD event
- DD-ACE your course (include the ACE syllabus statement and embed the student assignments)

Students also earn an **ADP Deliberative Dialogue Introductory Moderator Certificate** demonstrating competency in skills aligned with NACE career-readiness competencies such as critical thinking, teamwork, and collaboration.

Student Requirements:

- Complete **CDI Perspectives** (6 short lessons; 80% or higher)
- Participate in an in-class **Moderator Training** session led by ADP
- Attend an ADP-sponsored DD event
- Submit a brief end-of-semester reflection

We also have a campus blackboard organization that allows faculty to keep track of their facilitator requirements. Because of our support from the Houston Endowment, we are able to award faculty a \$500 stipend for DD-ACE-ing their courses for the first time. If they wish to continue to participate in the program, this will not result in a second stipend, but we do have hopes of expanding tiers for different levels of training as ours are only introductory. This program is also 100% supported by our ADP team and CCE staff.

















































