WHO DO YOU WANT TO BE IN THE WORLD?

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What is it?
The Semester in Dialogue is a one-semester, full-time program designed to inspire students with a sense of civic responsibility and encourage their passion for improving society. Each semester the program offers an original, interdisciplinary experience that bridges the classroom with the community and creates space for students to reflect on what they are doing and why it matters.

How is it different than a regular course?
Students will participate in conversations with British Columbia’s leading thought leaders rather than listening to lectures. You will design projects that explore issues of personal and civic importance and receive intensive feedback and mentorship from peers and faculty.

What are the topics?
Each term explores current issues relevant to society. Past topics include urban sustainability, social enterprise, energy, health, food systems and social change.

What is dialogue, anyhow?
Dialogue is a form of respectful conversation, where deep listening, mutual understanding, collaborative process and empathy act as alternatives to more adversarial approaches. Faculty members will challenge you to let go of judgment and remain curious while exploring issues from a variety of perspectives.

How many students? How many credits?
Where is it located?
With a cohort of 20 classmates, you will be embedded in the heart of SFU’s downtown Vancouver campus. For the Fall and Spring terms, you will receive 15 credits (DIAL 390, 391, 392). For the Summer term, you will receive 10 credits over a compressed, 7-week period (DIAL 390, 391). All courses meet W, B-HUM and B-SOC requirements.

“Thanks to the Semester in Dialogue, I now look at the world and see my ability to transform it.”