



COURSE STRUCTURE

Boston Debate League's Virtual Grad Class is offered across two semesters, Fall 2025 and Spring 2026. Each course is a standalone course with distinct content, for 3 graduate credits/semester. *Teachers may enroll in one or both semesters.*

Components of Cross School Virtual Graduate Class	
SEMESTER 1: September - December 2024	SEMESTER 2: January - May 2025
VIRTUAL MEETINGS • Twice-Monthly Cohort PD Sessions (Thursdays, 5 - 7pm EST on Zoom): Cohort members will engage in <u>twice-monthly two-hour cohort professional learning sessions</u>. These sessions, facilitated by a BDL Instructional Coach, will include experiential learning of new DI Classrooms strategies, and small group planning and debriefing debate-inspired activities for their own classrooms. We will use the Sibme platform to observe participants' classrooms, and debrief collaboratively to support each other's practice. • Monthly One-on-One Coaching (on Zoom): Cohort members will also <u>meet individually at least three times during the semester</u> with BDL coaches for more tailored support, during monthly BDL Coach Office Hours. A coaching cycle will include: planning, observation of classroom video using Sibme, and debrief (leading into further planning).	
WORK OUTSIDE OF SESSIONS • Plan and try out 3 debate-inspired activities in your own classroom over the course of the semester. • Video your classroom doing a debate-inspired activity using Simbe platform (provided to all members of the course) and share at least once/semester with the course community for the purpose of professional learning and collaboration. • Write a brief end-of-semester reflection paper, sharing insights about your learnings from the course and how it is shaping your classroom practice.	

RESOURCES & GRADUATE CREDITS

Educators in the Cross-School Virtual Cohort will gain access to:

- **3 Graduate Credits/semester**, offered through Lasell University
- Sibme (collaborative video platform) account
- Full electronic suite of Debate-Inspired Classrooms resources

FEE

The grad class fee is **\$1,500/semester**. This fee covers participation in the virtual PD sessions and one-on-one coaching; access to the full suite of DI Classrooms electronic resources and Sibme platform; and the course fee to Lasell University. (*Note: School districts often reimburse teachers for taking graduate credits. For example, BPS reimburses teachers \$1,000/year for graduate courses, meaning the out-of-pocket expense for this course is \$500 for BPS teachers.*)

Please reach out to BDL Director of Programs Marisa Suescun (marisa@bostondebate.org) with any questions.