

PHILOSOPHY
POLITICS
STUDIO ART
ART HISTORY
ETHICS
SOCIOLOGY
LITERATURE
ECONOMICS
CREATIVE WRITING
HISTORY
FILM STUDIES
THEATER
PHOTOGRAPHY
AESTHETICS
GERMAN LANGUAGE
HUMAN RIGHTS
RHETORIC

Bard College Berlin
A LIBERAL ARTS UNIVERSITY

<https://berlin.bard.edu>

The university can be a center for and a model of cultural creation, debate, service, and political exchange among citizens of the future, one that is dominated not by commerce and a narrow definition of utility but by a love of learning.

—Leon Botstein, President of Bard College, from *Jefferson's Children*

Double room in a student residence hall



Students eat together in the cafeteria garden



Debating society



Civic engagement video workshop



THE B.A. CURRICULUM

At Bard College Berlin, students from over sixty countries across six continents acquire the fundamental disciplinary and historical knowledge needed to approach twenty-first century concerns and opportunities, and master a specialization in economics, politics, literature, or the arts.

CORE

A series of interdisciplinary courses taken over six semesters covering the history of ideas and society from Ancient Greece to the present, including a focus on the major developments in science, social theory, philosophy, literature, art, and religion

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MAJOR

Economics, Politics, Art and Aesthetics, Ethics and Politics, Literature and Rhetoric

+

STUDY OF GERMAN LANGUAGE

Students have the opportunity to achieve the level of professional proficiency or university study in German, and must demonstrate intermediate proficiency in the language by the end of the second year

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ELECTIVES

Choose from subjects including Anthropology, Bioethics, Creative Writing, Dance, Drawing, Film Studies, Human Rights, Logic, Migration Studies, Philosophy, Photography, Sculpture, Statistics, Theater, and Urban Studies

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STUDY ABROAD

A semester or year of study at partner institutions in Europe, the U.S., and around the world (optional)

+

INTERNSHIP

Practical training in the work of political and cultural organizations, public or private, for academic credit (optional)

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B.A. THESIS

Training in and completion of independent research related to major (fourth year)

BARD COLLEGE BERLIN FACTS

Fall Semester 2019

Bard College Berlin is a private, German-American, nonprofit liberal arts college offering four-year B.A. degree programs and one-year undergraduate programs. The language of instruction is English.

260
students

...

60
nationalities

Faculty-student
ratio
1:7

...

Average
class size
10

77%
students receiving
financial aid

...

99%
four-year
graduation rate

PROGRAMS OFFERED

B.A. in Economics, Politics, and Social Thought

Duration:

4 years (8 semesters)

Credits earned:

240 ECTS credits /
128 U.S. credits

Majors:

- Economics
- Politics

B.A. in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought

Duration:

4 years (8 semesters)

Credits earned:

240 ECTS credits /
128 U.S. credits

Majors:

- Art and Aesthetics
- Ethics and Politics
- Literature and Rhetoric

Academy Year

Duration:

1 year (2 semesters)

Credits earned:

60 ECTS credits /
32 U.S. credits

Course structure:

- 2 required core courses
- 6 elective courses chosen
freely according to interest

B.A. PROGRAM

A liberal arts education offers students both breadth and depth of learning. The Bachelor of Arts program at Bard College Berlin combines interdisciplinary study across the humanities, social sciences, and history of science with specialization in a chosen academic field. Flexible course selection allows students to explore different areas of study according to their interests and across academic boundaries, while the progression of the program towards independent research in the fourth year allows students to gain expertise in one discipline.

The components of the Bard College Berlin curriculum:

- Core Curriculum
- Major
- German Language
- Electives
- Study Abroad / Internship (optional)
- Senior Thesis

Exposure to new fields, thinking across academic disciplines

The core curriculum and electives are the main sources of breadth in the BCB program. Throughout their studies, all B.A. students follow a common curriculum in intellectual, cultural, and political history. Electives allow students to explore new areas of study and enrich their major with a variety of academic and artistic experiences. All students have an academic advisor, who helps them build a tailored and cohesive selection of courses over four years.

Developing expertise in an individual area of study

The main sources of depth in the B.A. program are the selection of a major and the Senior Thesis. Students declare their major in the fourth semester after completing foundational courses in one or several areas of interest. The B.A. program then progresses towards independent research closely supervised by a faculty member and guided by participation in a Research Colloquium.

The majors offered at Bard College Berlin are:

- Art and Aesthetics
- Economics
- Ethics and Politics
- Literature and Rhetoric
- Politics

Practical experience, professional skills

All degree-seeking students learn German to at least an intermediate level during their studies. This enables them to intern in Berlin, work off-campus, and access the German and European job markets and graduate programs after graduation. Additionally, the internship course allows students to gain work experience in fields related to their studies. The B.A. program prepares students for graduate study and careers in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, in domains such as international relations, public policy, journalism, and the arts.

Class discussion in a Politics seminar led by Jeffrey Champlin



“In the liberal arts, classes that seem to belong to one category often contain many different disciplines. For example, a class that technically fulfills a Politics requirement, actually explores economics, sociology, urban studies, and how these disciplines connect. I think I’m very good at making these connections now.”

—Elena Gagovska, B.A. Class of 2019

FACULTY

The faculty at Bard College Berlin are dedicated to teaching as well as to their research in areas spanning the arts, humanities, social sciences, and more.

Faculty at Bard College Berlin have earned their doctoral degrees and taught at the following universities:

- Central European University
- Columbia University
- Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago
- Freie Universität Berlin
- Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena
- Harvard University
- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
- Heidelberg Universität
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Princeton University
- SOAS, University of London
- The New School for Social Research
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of Cambridge
- University of Passau

29
full-time
faculty

53
guest
faculty

24
countries

In the past 12 months, faculty members of Bard College Berlin have:

- co-curated exhibitions at Berlin's Hamburger Bahnhof and Brücke museums
- been ranked in the top 100 young economists in German-speaking countries
- organized a performance with Greenpeace to protest the use of coal in Germany
- served as a regular commentator on US political developments for German TV and radio
- published a monograph on poet and painter Mina Loy
- presented at a UNHCR-hosted conference on refugees at higher education institutions

ALUMNI

Bard College Berlin graduates join a network of alumni who are studying and working around the world.

Activities of B.A. alumni within one year of graduation

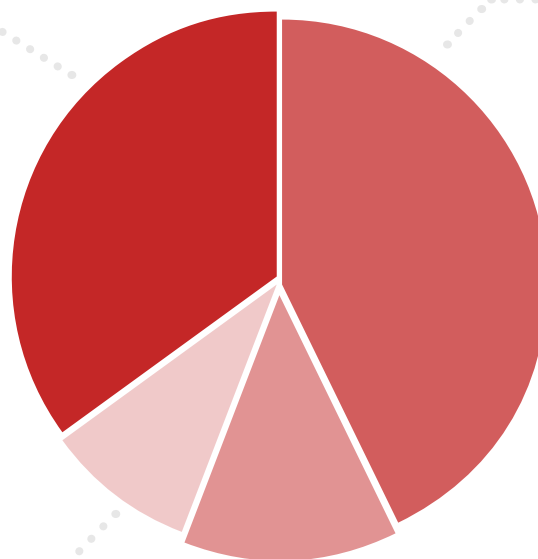
35%
employed

in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, in fields such as:

- business
- communications
- education
- international relations
- journalism and media
- public policy
- social services
- start-ups
- the arts

9%
other

(gap year, travel, internships)



13%

studying & employed

43%
studying

in graduate programs at institutions including:

- Cambridge University
- Fordham University School of Law
- Freie Universität Berlin
- Hertie School of Governance
- Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- New York University
- Sciences Po
- Sorbonne Université
- Universität der Künste Berlin
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of Chicago
- University of Oxford

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Bard College Berlin supports student involvement with public life outside the classroom to promote commitment to active citizenship and to contribute to an engaged university. Through student-led projects, volunteer work, skill development workshops, or engagement fellowships, BCB students actively work for positive social change in local communities or engage with relevant global questions. Students cooperate across the Bard Network by participating in international conferences and training sessions, sharing resources, or leading projects that span several campuses around the globe.

Past and ongoing student-led projects include:

- *Baynatna: The Arabic Library in Berlin* (first exclusively Arabic library in Berlin)
- *Homesick* (documentary on Iraqi asylum seekers living in Germany)
- *Lingo 101* (student-taught language courses in four languages)
- *Open Campus Against Closed Borders* (opening the university community to migrants and asylum seekers in the area; the initiative evolved into the DAAD-funded program Campus Conversations)
- *Pankow Theater Company* (weekly theater workshops in English for German high school students)
- *BCB Goes Green* (promoting sustainable and environmentally-friendly practices and policies on campus)

STUDY ABROAD

Study abroad opportunities available to B.A. students:

Bard College Network

- Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, USA
- Bard Globalization and International Affairs Program (BGIA), New York City, USA
- Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Smolny College), St. Petersburg State University, Russia
- American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- Al-Quds Bard College for Arts & Sciences, Abu Dis, Palestine
(*incoming students to Berlin only*)

ERASMUS Partnerships

- Amsterdam University College, The Netherlands
- Leiden University College, Campus The Hague, The Netherlands
- Malmö University, Sweden
- Sciences Po, seven campuses across France, including Paris
- University College Utrecht, The Netherlands
- University of Bologna, Italy
- University of Montpellier, France

Bilateral Partnerships

- Central European University, Budapest, Hungary & Vienna, Austria
- Lingnan University, Hong Kong
- Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), Brazil

INTERNSHIPS

Students can complete an internship in Berlin with a local organization in fields such as film/TV/radio, human rights, publishing, or public policy as well as with individual artists and galleries. This practical experience is guided by an academic course. In addition, the Bard Globalization and International Affairs Program affords students the opportunity to intern full-time in New York City while taking evening classes.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Bard College Berlin is committed to ensuring that students from diverse economic backgrounds are able to attend the College. A range of full and partial scholarships are offered for: students who present a record of excellence in an area linked to the majors offered at the College; “first generation” students who are the first in their families to attend university; students who have demonstrated a commitment to living in an international community by participating in a high school exchange; students who have completed a year of full-time volunteer service; students with a background of forced migration.

Please see our website for details on these scholarships and others.

Faculty and students interact in an installation at an on-campus exhibition of the studio arts classes



Students develop a garden on campus for an art class on “Ecologies of the Visit / Consumer Ecologies”



AT A GLANCE

Curriculum

Bard College Berlin’s interdisciplinary core curriculum explores Western intellectual history from ancient Greece to the present day. A critical focus is placed on philosophy, economics, politics, literature, art history, film, and the performing and studio arts. Currently five majors are offered in: Economics, Politics, Art and Aesthetics, Ethics and Politics, and Literature and Rhetoric.

German and U.S. Accreditation

Bard College Berlin is accredited in the United States through Bard College by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. In Germany, Bard College Berlin is institutionally accredited at national level by the Wissenschaftsrat (the German Council of Science and Humanities).

Degrees Granted

Bachelor of Arts degrees are awarded from both Bard College Berlin and Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York. Qualifying students receive both a German B.A. and an American B.A.

Location in Berlin

Bard College Berlin’s residential campus is housed in former embassy buildings in the residential neighborhood of Pankow, a borough in northeastern Berlin. Direct public transport connections allow students to reach the city center in about 30 minutes.

On-Campus Accommodation

On-campus housing is required for Academy Year students and B.A. students in their first two years of study. Students are housed in fully equipped student residences and a full meal plan is included.

Campus Visits

Campus visits are welcome! If unable to attend one of the Open Days, prospective students may schedule individual visits at any time by contacting the Admissions Office at admissions@berlin.bard.edu

2019-20 Open Days

November 30, 2019

April 3, 2020

Financial Aid and Fees

All B.A. and Academy Year applicants are eligible to apply for need-based financial aid and scholarships, regardless of nationality. U.S. citizens may apply U.S. federal funding (FAFSA) toward their B.A. studies at Bard College Berlin. Bard College Berlin is recognized by many European countries for government loan programs. For a complete list of tuition and fees, please visit: <https://berlin.bard.edu/admissions/finances/tuition-and-fees/>

Comprehensive Fee 2019-20

The Comprehensive Fee for 2019-20 is €28,350 (includes tuition, full meal plan, on-campus accommodation).

Tuition and fees are subject to approval each year by the Trustees of Bard College. Bard College Berlin anticipates a Comprehensive Fee for 2020-2021 of €29,750, and a Comprehensive Fee for 2021-2022 of €31,000.

Admission

Applicants for all programs should apply online at: <https://berlin.bard.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/>

Bard College Berlin is a member of the Common Application. Required materials include: motivation statement, writing sample, a letter of recommendation, official transcripts, and proof of advanced English proficiency for non-native English speakers. SAT/ACT scores are not required.

Application Deadlines

Early Action: November 1

Regular Decision: January 15

Late Admission: May 1 (non-EU citizens), June 1 (EU citizens)

Students visit Berlin's
Museum Island

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Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

Bard College is a four-year residential college of the liberal arts and sciences with a 150-year history of academic excellence. Located on a campus of almost 1,000 acres in New York's Hudson River Valley, the College offers the B.A. degree with concentrations in nearly 50 academic programs in four divisions (Arts; Languages and Literature; Science, Mathematics, and Computing; and Social Studies) as well as interdivisional programs.

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