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HUMAN RIGHTS
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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*

THE BA CURRICULUM

At Bard College Berlin, students from over sixty countries across six continents acquire the fundamental disciplinary and historical knowledge needed to address twenty-first century challenges 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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MAJORS

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

+

STUDY OF GERMAN LANGUAGE

Students have the opportunity to achieve the level of German required for professional proficiency or university study, 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, Migration Studies, Philosophy, Photography, Sculpture, Statistics, Theater, and Urban Studies

+

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)

+

BA THESIS

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

All campus buildings include gardens that can be used by the campus community



Debate Society



Students eat together in the cafeteria garden



Student Project: Baynatna, the Arabic Library in Berlin



BARD COLLEGE BERLIN FACTS

Fall Semester 2021

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

50%
acceptance rate

...

61
nationalities

Faculty-student
ratio
1:5

...

Average
class size
13

79%
students receiving
financial aid

...

37
average IB score

PROGRAMS OFFERED

BA in Economics, Politics, and Social Thought

Duration:
4 years (8 semesters)

Credits earned:
256 ECTS credits /
128 U.S. credits

Majors:

- Economics
- Politics

BA in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought

Duration:
4 years (8 semesters)

Credits earned:
256 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

Gap Year program
incorporating:

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

BA 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. A 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 are:

- 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 BA 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 BA 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 BA 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 and 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 BA 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.

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
- 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 Manchester
- University of Passau

63
faculty
members

20
countries

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

- Exhibited their work at galleries in Berlin, Stuttgart, and Milan
- Served as a regular commentator on US political developments for German TV and radio
- Co-produced performances at the Sophiensæle, Berlin and the Haus der Kulturen der Welt
- Published monographs with Cambridge and Stanford University Press
- Organized an international lecture series on the history of migration
- Held research grants from the German Research Foundation (DFG), the Volkswagen Foundation, and the Pollock-Krasner Foundation

ALUMNI/AE

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

Activities of BA alumni/ae 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

43%
studying

in graduate programs at institutions including:

- Cambridge University
- Columbia University
- Freie Universität Berlin
- Harvard University
- Hertie School
- Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
- London School of Economics
- New York University
- Sciences Po
- Sorbonne Université
- Universität der Künste Berlin
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of Chicago
- University of Oxford

9%
other

(gap year, travel, internships)

13%
studying & employed



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, BA Class of 2019

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Bard College Berlin supports student involvement with public life outside the classroom to promote commitment to active citizenship, and 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 Open Society University Network (OSUN) 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* (the 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)

Student working during a bookbinding and cyanotype workshop



STUDY ABROAD

Study abroad opportunities available to BA students:

The Open Society University Network

- Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, USA
- Bard Globalization and International Affairs Program (BGIA), New York City, USA
- Central European University, Vienna, Austria
- American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

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

- Lingnan University, Hong Kong
- Pontificia 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 offers students the opportunity to intern full-time in New York City while taking evening classes. Most recently, students have had internship placements at Humanity in Action, an international non-profit organization; The Reader, an independent organization for creative writing workshops and literature; Plan A, a Berlin start-up business that works toward reducing CO₂ emissions; the curatorial department of Hamburger Bahnhof, one of the largest collections of contemporary art in Berlin.

FINANCIAL AID

Bard College Berlin strives to guarantee that admitted students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds are able to attend our institution. In addition to our merit- and need-based scholarships, we offer need-based financial aid to successful applicants. All incoming students are eligible to apply regardless of nationality. US citizens and permanent residents who are eligible for federal funding through FAFSA can use those grants and loans to fund their studies at BCB. Applying for financial aid is easy: after submitting an application for admission, applicants fill out the Financial Statement form and submit it to the Financial Aid Office along with supporting documents. For further information on financial aid and scholarships please visit: <https://berlin.bard.edu/admissions/finances/financial-aid/>

Students discuss art works at the Alte Nationalgalerie



AT A GLANCE

Curriculum

Bard College Berlin's interdisciplinary core curriculum explores 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 BA and an American BA.

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

Students are expected to live on-campus in furnished apartments throughout their studies. All on-campus housing is fully-equipped, including kitchens, and includes a meal plan.

Connect with Us

Visit our website to register for virtual campus tours and seminars, or individual advising appointments. <https://berlin.bard.edu/admissions/admissions-team/connect-with-us/>

Financial Aid and Fees

All BA and Academy Year applicants are eligible to apply for need-based financial aid and scholarships, regardless of nationality. U.S. citizens may use U.S. federal funding (FAFSA) for their BA 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/>

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, two letters of recommendation, official transcripts, and proof of advanced English proficiency for non-native English speakers. SAT/ACT scores are not required.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Spring Transfer: October 15

Early Action: November 1

Regular Decision: January 15

Fall Transfer: February 15

Late Admission: May 1
(EU citizens/residents only)





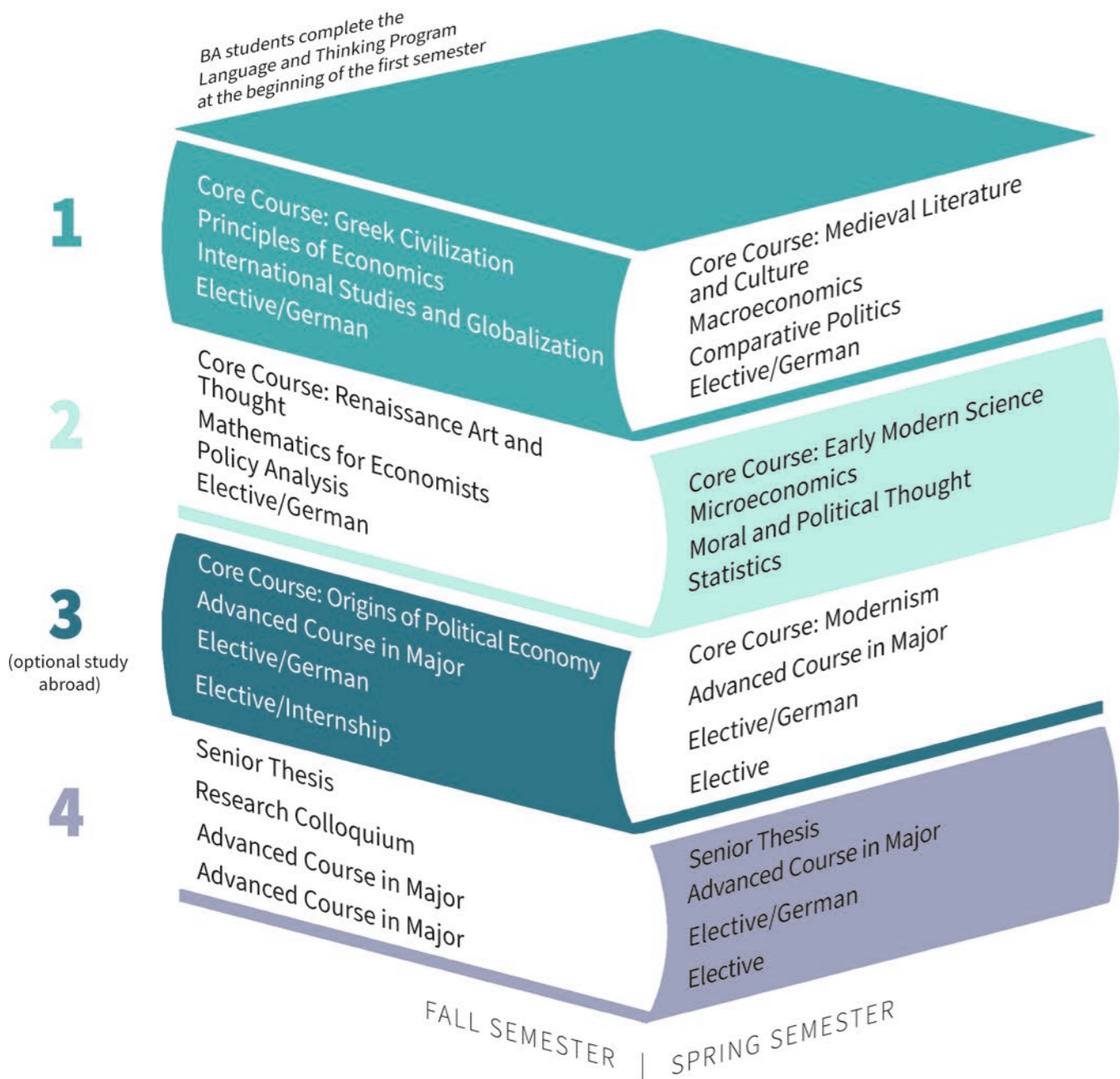
“Bard College Berlin has the balance I was looking for: a small school in a big city. I wanted the feeling of a close-knit community, a place where you recognize faces as you pass them, as well as the resources of a vibrant city.”

—Vala Schriefer, BA Class of 2023

Students in a class on Environmental Economics

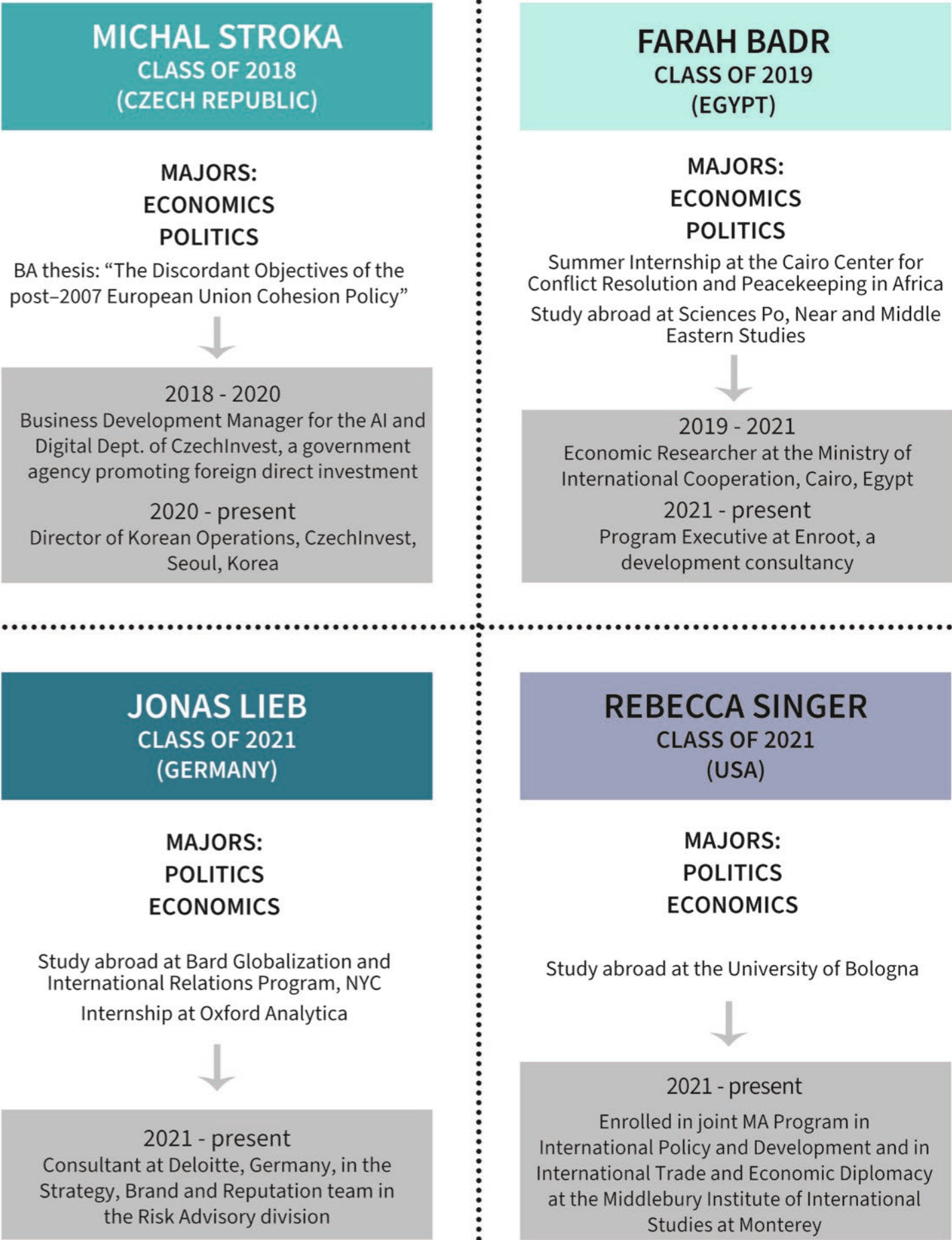
BA IN ECONOMICS, POLITICS, AND SOCIAL THOUGHT

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND STRUCTURE



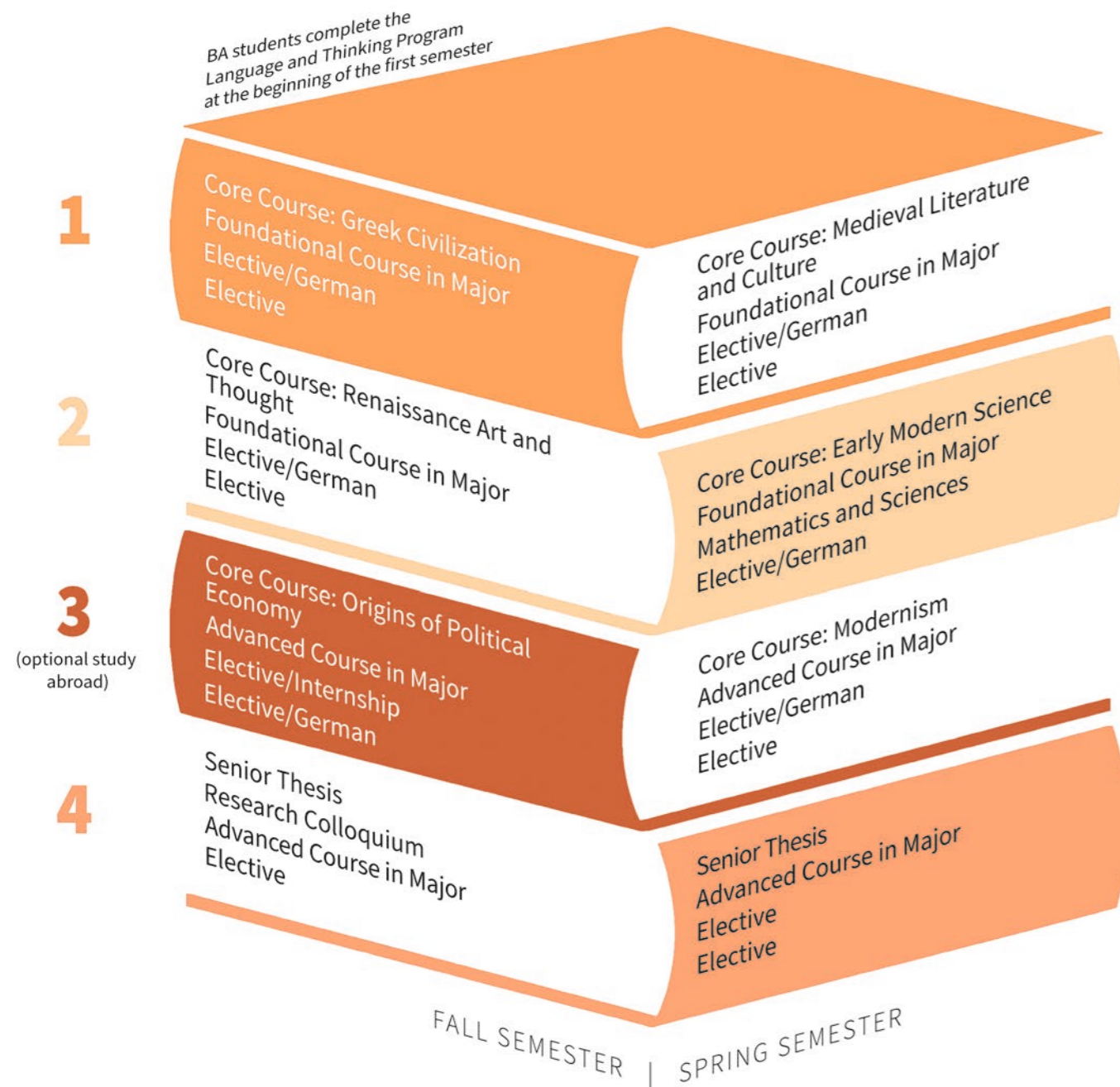
MAJORS:
ECONOMICS
POLITICS

AFTER BARD COLLEGE BERLIN: ALUMNI/AE PATHWAYS



BA IN HUMANITIES, THE ARTS, AND SOCIAL THOUGHT

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND STRUCTURE



MAJORS:
ART AND AESTHETICS
ETHICS AND POLITICS
LITERATURE AND RHETORIC

AFTER BARD COLLEGE BERLIN: ALUMNI/AE PATHWAYS

AYA IBRAHIM
CLASS OF 2015
(EGYPT)

MAJORS:
ETHICS AND POLITICS LITERATURE AND RHETORIC

Study abroad at the Bard Globalization and International Affairs program in NYC
Internships at East-West Institute and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court

2015 - present
Established journalism career with Germany's international broadcaster Deutsche Welle
2021 - present
MA for advanced journalists at Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, USA

SHAOUL SUSSMAN
CLASS OF 2016
(ISRAEL)

MAJORS:
ETHICS AND POLITICS

Study abroad at the Bard Globalization and International Affairs program in NYC

2016 - 2019
JD at the Fordham University School of Law
2019 - 2021
Associate at the international law firm Pearl Cohen, NYC
2021 - present
Attorney Advisor to the Chair Linda Khan at the Federal Trade Commission, USA

RIYA MATHEWS
CLASS OF 2017
(INDIA)

MAJOR:
LITERATURE AND RHETORIC

Marketing and Operational Assistant at NPR Berlin

2018 - 2019
Consultant at the Indian Institute for Human Settlement
2019 - present
Project Assistant at the Goethe-Institute, India

AZIZA IZAMOVA
CLASS OF 2021
(UZBEKISTAN)

MAJOR:
ART AND AESTHETICS

Internship with the Hamburger Bahnhof, Museum for Contemporary Art, Berlin
BA thesis: "The Louvre of the Steppes": The Igor Savitsky Collection in Nukus, Uzbekistan

2021 - present
PhD in Art History and Architecture at Harvard University, USA

CURRICULUM FEATURES

Students complete the **Language and Thinking Program** at the beginning of the first semester.

The **Core** program in intellectual, cultural and political history is completed by all students in the BA degrees programs.

The first two years provide a **comprehensive grounding** in the essentials of the three available majors: art, literature, or politics. All majors are interdisciplinary and encompass practical, philosophical and historical components, with a focus on contemporary relevance.

In the **fourth semester** students choose their major: Art and Aesthetics, Ethics and Politics, or Literature and Rhetoric.

Throughout the program, degree requirements can be fulfilled through a wide variety of courses, allowing students to **tailor their coursework to their interests** as they progress through the program.

Humanities students can pursue tracks of specialization at **international partner institutions** in their third year, in fields such as:

- Global Liberal Arts (at Amsterdam University College, Lingnan University in Hong Kong, or PUC in Rio de Janeiro)
- Anthropology, Film and Electronic Arts, Sociology, Visual Culture, Written Arts (Bard College, New York, USA)
- Global Challenges, Law, Environmental Policy, Media Studies, Psychology (University Colleges of Leiden and Utrecht, The Netherlands)
- Human Rights (Malmö University, Sweden)
- Politics with a focus on distinct regions of the world (Sciences Po, 7 campuses across France)

The program progresses towards **independent research** supervised by a faculty member and guided by participation in a Research Colloquium.

Students can study **German** up to the level required for graduate study or a professional position. All students must demonstrate intermediate proficiency (B1) by the end of their second year.

Students can complete an **internship** in Berlin with a local organization in fields such as film/TV/radio, publishing, urban planning, human rights, water policy, European politics, or with an individual artist or galleries.

A commitment to civic engagement is encouraged throughout the program through coursework and an extracurricular program that supports students in developing and implementing their own community projects.

MAJORS OFFERED

	Art and Aesthetics		Literature and Rhetoric		Ethics and Politics	
	FALL	SPRING	FALL	SPRING	FALL	SPRING
1	Greek Civilization Art and Artists in Context Elective/German Elective	Medieval Literature and Culture Approaching Arts through Theory Elective/German Elective	Greek Civilization Literary History Elective/German Elective	Medieval Literature and Culture Close Reading Elective/German Elective	Greek Civilization Ethics and Moral Philosophy Elective/German Elective	Medieval Literature and Culture History of Political Thought Elective/German Elective
2	Renaissance Art and Thought Art Objects and Experience Elective/German Elective	Early Modern Science Artistic Practice Elective/German Mathematics and Sciences Module	Renaissance Art and Thought Written Arts Elective/German Elective	Early Modern Science Critical and Cultural Theory Elective/German Mathematics and Sciences Module	Renaissance Art and Thought Methods in Social and Historical Studies Elective/German Elective	Early Modern Science Political Systems and Structures Elective/German Mathematics and Sciences Module
3	Origins of Political Economy Artists, Genres, Movements Elective/German Elective/Internship	Modernism Exhibition Culture and Public Space Elective/German Elective	Origins of Political Economy Theories of Literature and Culture Elective/German Elective/Internship	Modernism Producing Literature Elective/German Elective	Origins of Political Economy Movements and Thinkers Elective/German Elective/Internship	Modernism Social Commitment and the Public Sphere Elective/German Elective
4	Senior Thesis Research Colloquium Aesthetics and Art Theory Elective	Senior Thesis Media, Practices, Techniques Elective Elective	Senior Thesis Research Colloquium Literary Movements and Forms Elective	Senior Thesis Writer and the World Elective Elective	Senior Thesis Research Colloquium Law, Politics and Society Elective	Senior Thesis Global Social Theory Elective Elective

Students spend 12-14 hours per week in lectures and seminars, and earn a total of 256 ECTS credits throughout the four-year program.

Bard College Berlin's newest "KW" residence halls opened in August 2021 and have been featured in top design magazines such as Monocle, Wallpaper, and Frame



Flexible interior furnishings make smart use of the space and have been recognized for sustainable design



Shared common space in KW student apartment



Fully furnished rooms include private study spaces



Each student apartment features a shared dining space and fully equipped kitchen as a place for students to connect





Hardwood floors and high ceilings are a feature of the Treskowstrasse residence hall, a typical Berlin pre-war building



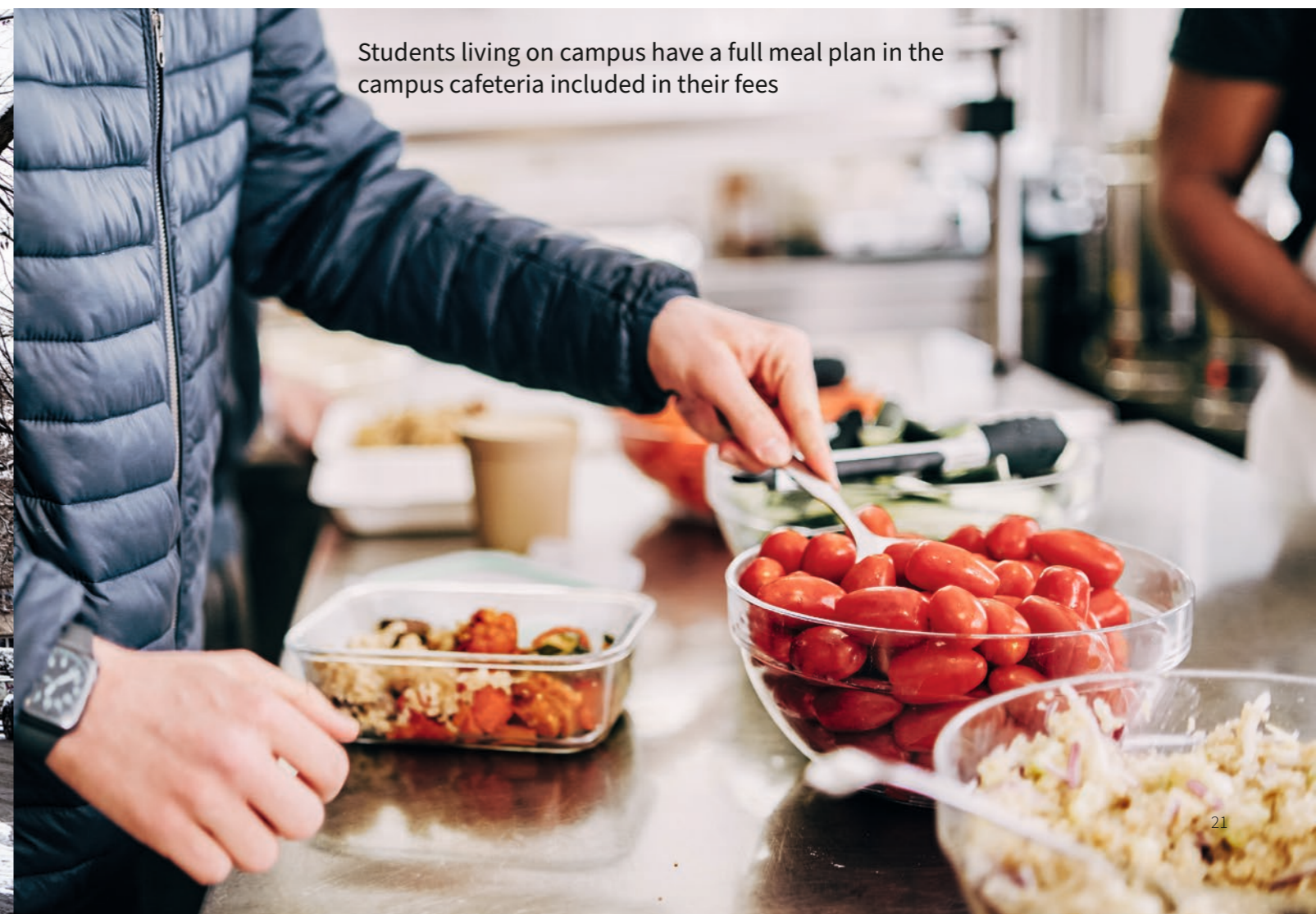
A student study space in Henry Koerner Hall



The campus features recreational areas for students to gather and connect



The Henry Koerner Hall student apartment building opened in Fall 2019



Students living on campus have a full meal plan in the campus cafeteria included in their fees

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Bard College Berlin encourages excellent candidates to apply for a scholarship to support their participation in the BA degree programs in Economics, Politics, and Social Thought or Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought.

Students from around the world attend small seminars led by international faculty members. The language of instruction is English. Qualifying students receive both a German BA and an American BA.

All scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic excellence, in addition to the criteria listed for the individual scholarships.

Scholarship in Aesthetics

Who: Students who apply for admission to the BA in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought and demonstrate an exceptional record of academic and extracurricular interest in visual arts, theater arts, or art history.

Award: 10,000 EUR grant; renewable for four years. Competitive scholarship with the option to increase upon demonstration of financial need.

Scholarship in Literary Arts

Who: Students who apply for admission to the BA in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought and demonstrate an exceptional record of academic and extracurricular interest in literature and creative or academic writing.

Award: 10,000 EUR grant; renewable for four years. Competitive scholarship with the option to increase upon demonstration of financial need.

Scholarship in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

Who: Students who apply for BA admission, and demonstrate an exceptional record of academic and extracurricular interest in politics, philosophy, and/or economics.

Award: 10,000 EUR grant; renewable for four years. Competitive scholarship with the option to increase upon demonstration of financial need.

AP Capstone Scholarship

Who: Students who apply for BA admission and will successfully complete the AP Capstone diploma program by August 2022.

Award: Financial need-based award; renewable for four years.

Berlin Scholarship

Who: Students who apply for BA admission and have demonstrated a sustained interest in German language and culture by taking German courses in high school.

Award: Financial need-based award; renewable for four years.

Eva-Sophie Séguin Scholarship

Who: Students who apply for BA admission, are at the top of their applicant pool and have a demonstrated financial need. Special consideration will be given to citizens of EU member states or EU candidate countries.

Award: Up to the full cost of on-campus room and board; renewable for four years.

Léa-Marie Séguin Scholarship

Who: Students who apply for BA admission, are at the top of their applicant pool and have a demonstrated financial need. Special consideration will be given to first generation students.

Award: Up to the full cost of on-campus room and board; renewable for four years.

First Generation Scholarship

Who: Students applying for BA admission and are the first in their family to attend university.

Award: Up to the full on-campus comprehensive fee, depending on financial need; renewable for four years.

Global Fellow Scholarship

Who: Students who apply for BA admission and intend to study at multiple Bard campuses during their degree.

Award: Financial need-based award; renewable for four years.

Global Citizen Scholarship

Who: Students applying for BA admission who have studied or worked abroad for at least 6 months during or after high school.

Award: 10,000 EUR grant; renewable for four years. Competitive scholarship.

Open Europe Scholarship

Who: Students who apply for BA admission, are citizens of an EU member state or a recognized candidate country (Albania, Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey), and demonstrate an interest in living in an international community.

Award: Up to the full on-campus comprehensive fee, depending on financial need; renewable for four years.

The United World Colleges Scholarship

Who: Graduates or graduating students of one of the 18 United World Colleges worldwide who apply for BA admission and demonstrate an exceptional record of civic engagement.

Award: Up to the full on-campus comprehensive fee, depending on financial need; renewable for up to four years.

Voluntary Engagement Scholarship

Who: Students applying for BA admission who have successfully completed a recognized voluntary service program (Freiwilliges Soziales Jahr, European Voluntary Service, etc.) by August 2022.

Award: Up to 90 % tuition grant depending on financial need; renewable for four years.

Visit our website for details on the application criteria and to apply:
<https://berlin.bard.edu>

Students visit Berlin's
Museum Island

Bard College Berlin

A LIBERAL ARTS UNIVERSITY

Bard College Berlin, Germany

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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 BA 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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