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BARD COLLEGE BERLIN FACTS

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

> 10 Average class size

> > 60 Nationalities

5:1 Student-faculty ratio

37 Average IB score

79% Students receiving financial aid

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

As the seat of the German government and a key location for European and international politics, Berlin offers many opportunities for students



BCB's residential campus students to live and study







BA PROGRAM

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 CURRICULUM

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 philosophy, literature, art, social theory, science, and religion.

MAJORS

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

ELECTIVES

Courses in a range of disciplines including Anthropology, Bioethics, Creative Writing, Dance, Drawing, Film Studies, Human Rights, Logic, Migration Studies, Philosophy, Photography, Sculpture, Statistics, Theater, and Urban Studies.

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

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.

STUDY ABROAD (Optional)

A semester or year of study at partner institutions in Europe, the United States, and around the world

INTERNSHIP (Optional)

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

BA THESIS

Training in and completion of independent research related to major in the fourth year of study

• Literature and Rhetoric

Academy Year

Duration:

1 year (2 semesters)

Credits earned: 60 ECTS credits / 32 U.S. credits

Gap Year program:

- 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 program 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 their research in areas spanning the arts, humanities, social sciences, and more.

Faculty at Bard College Berlin have earned their doctoral degrees from 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
- 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

faculty members

21 countries

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

employed

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

business

35%

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

"I believe that it is difficult or almost impossible to understand the entirety of the ever-changing world we live in, but by studying liberal arts I feel that I am closer to understanding it every day and capable of looking at it from a more critical perspective."

other (gap year, travel, internships)

9% ··





Here is a selection of faculty activities from the past year:

- Elected Managing Director of the German Experimental Economics Association
- Published a novel named a *Sunday* Independent Book of the Year
- Produced performances at the renowned Sophiensaele Berlin theater space
- Curated exhibitions at the Brücke Museum and the Schinkel Pavillon in Berlin and Amerikahaus in Munich
- Received a VolkswagenStiftung Research grant
- Joined the Editorial Board of The Sociological Review



13%

43% studving

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

studying & employed

"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



ECONOMICS, POLITICS, AND SOCIAL THOUGHT

BA Program Overview



Year 3

CORE CURRICULUM

8

PROGRAM REQUIREMENT

Year 4



ELECTIVE OR LANGUAGE

LIFE AFTER BARD COLLEGE BERLIN

FARAH BADR is originally from Egypt, and graduated from Bard College Berlin in 2019 with a BA in Economics, Politics, and Social Thought, double-majoring in Economics and Politics. As a student at BCB, Farah completed an internship at the Cairo Center for Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa, and, in her third year of studies, she studied abroad at Sciences Po in the Near and Middle Eastern Studies Program. After graduation, Farah was employed as Economic Researcher at the Ministry of International Cooperation in Cairo, Egypt. She is currently working as a Program Executive at Enroot Consultancy, an organization which specializes in development projects implemented in Egypt by international donor organizations, including the German development aid agency GIZ.

JONAS LIEB is originally from Germany, and graduated from Bard College Berlin in 2021 with a BA in Economics, Politics, and Social Thought, double-majoring in Economics and Politics. As a student at BCB, Jonas completed an internship at Oxford Analytica. In his third year of studies, he studied abroad for one semester at the University of Bologna, Italy. Directly after graduation, he took on a position as Consultant in the Strategy, Brand, and Reputation team in the Risk Advisory division at Deloitte Deutschland, a top global consulting firm.

FARAH

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MICHAL STROKA is originally from the Czech Republic, and graduated from Bard College Berlin in 2018 with a BA in Economics, Politics, and Social Thought, double-majoring in Economics and Politics. During his studies at Bard College Berlin, Michal worked in various positions as a student assistant, and took on leadership roles in student government as a member of the Student Committee and co-chair of the Student Parliament. After graduation, Michal held managing roles and is now Director of Korean Operations in Seoul for CzechInvest and CzechTrade, two Czech state agencies for business development.



BA in Economics, Politics, and Social Thought **Economics**

Year 1

Year 1



Year 2

BA in Economics, Politics, and Social Thought **Politics**

Year 2



Year 4



PROGRAM REQUIREMENT ELECTIVE OR LANGUAGE

HUMANITIES, THE ARTS, AND SOCIAL THOUGHT

BA Program Overview



Year 3

PROGRAM REQUIREMENT

Year 2



Year 4



LIFE AFTER BARD COLLEGE BERLIN



LINDA EGGERT is originally from Germany, and graduated from Bard College Berlin in 2014 with a BA in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought, majoring in Ethics and Politics. She recently received her DPhil in Political Theory from the University of Oxford, and during her time as a doctoral student held Fellowships at the Carr Center for Human Rights at Harvard University, and at the McCoy Center for Ethics at Stanford University. This year, she takes up an Early Career Fellowship at the Institute for Ethics in AI at the University of Oxford.

MARIA KHAN is originally from Pakistan, and graduated from Bard College Berlin in 2015 with a BA in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought, majoring in Literature and Rhetoric. In her third year of studies, Maria completed an internship as a teacher's assistant at the Berlin Cosmopolitan School. After graduation, she pursued an MPhil in Arts Education and completed a PhD in German Literature and Performance Studies in 2020 at the University of Cambridge. Maria is currently Assistant Professor in the literature department at Bard High School-Early College in NY, USA.



TALIA KRACAUER is originally from the USA, and graduated from Bard College Berlin in 2017 with a BA in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought, majoring in Art and Aesthetics. After graduation, Talia went on to pursue an internship as Production Assistant with the theater company "Interrobang," and later worked with her own theater company "PUNKT" on shows performed at London theaters. In 2020, she completed an MFA in Advanced Theater Practice at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama in the UK. At the moment, Talia is making and producing original works of theater in London, and had a show featured in Camden People's Theater's SPRINT festival in March 2022.



BA in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought **Art and Aesthetics**

BA in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought **Ethics and Politics**



Year 2









BA in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought Literature and Rhetoric

Year 2 Year 1 Language & Thinking Program SPRING FALL SPRING FALL Medieval **Renaissance Art** Early Modern **Greek Civilization** Literatures and Thought Science and Cultures Critical Literary History Close Reading Written Arts and Cultural Theory Elective Elective Elective Math and Sciences or or or Requirement German German German Elective Elective Elective Elective or German Moderation

Year 3



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Year 4

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.

Recent projects include:

- BCB Goes Green: promoting sustainable and environmentallyfriendly practices and policies on campus
- BCB Swap Shop: sustainability project promoting the exchange of clothing and various reusable items
- BCB Urban Gardening: growing and harvesting vegetables and herbs for sustainability, and developing green spaces on campus
- BCB Volunteer Action Days: student involvement in social activities and humanitarian causes in the city of Berlin
- The English Hour: student-led community program bringing together the neighborhood and the BCB community for conversational English classes and inter-cultural exchange
- International Weeks Against Racism: raising awareness of racial discrimination and issues through campus-wide and local events organized by BCB's Civic Engagement and DEI Offices
- Involved Campus Talks: creating a space for sharing thoughts, experiences, ideas, and suggestions on a topic of collective and personal importance

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. BCB's Career Development Office has established extensive connections with internship hosts in Berlin over the years, assisting students in finding an internship placement that matches their qualifications and interests. The practical internship experience is guided by the Internship Seminar, an academic course exploring contemporary ways of working in relation to the students' own internship experience. BCB students have had internship placements at Humanity in Action, an international nonprofit 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; and others. In addition, the Bard Globalization and International Affairs program offers students the opportunity to intern in New York City while taking evening classes.

STUDY ABROAD

BA students in their third year of study may opt to complete a semester or academic year abroad at one of Bard College Berlin's partner universities located around the world.

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
- American University of Bulgaria, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria
- Brac University, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

ERASMUS Partnerships

- IADT Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dublin, Ireland
- 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 Perugia, Italy
- University of Montpellier, France

CERTIFICATES

In addition to their four-year BA degree, students at Bard College Berlin can obtain certificates to complement their studies and gain knowledge and skills in an interdisciplinary field. Currently, the College offers the following certificates: Civic Engagement Certificate and Certificate in Transnational Media and Journalism.

The Certificates consist of three components:

- 4 or 5 courses cross-listed as certificate courses (4 US / 8 ECTS credits each)
- Co-curricular activities amounting to 100 hours of practical experience
- Culminating project (analytic essay, publication, podcast, or art project)

In the **Certificate in Civic Engagement**, students learn about theories of citizenship, democratic participation, civil society, and social action, and develop firsthand experiences with civic engagement through co-curricular activities outside of the classroom setting.

The **Transnational Media and Journalism Certificate** combines studies of the content, history, and impact of various media and technologies with practical training and co-curricular activities. Students get involved in journalistic and media initiatives that are currently shaping the public sphere in Berlin, Germany, and the world.

ACCOMMODATION

All first- and second-year BA students, as well as Academy Year students, live on campus in apartment-style residence halls, in shared or single rooms. The residence halls are spacious, light-filled buildings, each no more than a 5-minute walk from the teaching buildings.

The Residential Life staff support students in providing an active community in BCB's highly international residence halls.

BCB's first living learning community, DerDieDas Haus, offers students wishing to improve their German language skills the opportunity to live in a German-speaking community on campus.

Shared common space in KW student apartment







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





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.

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 2023. **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.

The Henry Koerner Hall student apartment building opened in Fall 2019



Program for International Education and Social Change Scholarship

Who: Students from areas of crisis and conflict who demonstrate academic excellence and a deep commitment to social change, democracy, and human rights. Award: Up to the full on-campus comprehensive fee and additional stipend for living expenses; awarded for up to 4 years of the BA degree.

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, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine), 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 2023.

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

Jean "Gianni" van Daalen Scholarship

Who: Students applying for BA admission who demonstrate an exceptional record of academic and extracurricular achievement. Award: Up to 5,000 EUR; financial need-based award.

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



AT A GLANCE

Degree Program

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 by both Bard College Berlin and Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York.

Location in Berlin

Bard College Berlin's residential campus is located in the neighborhood of Pankow, a borough in northeastern Berlin. Direct public transport connections allow students to reach the city center in 30-40 minutes.

On-Campus Accommodation

Students are expected to live on campus in furnished apartments during their first and second years of study, and may choose to live off campus in their last two years at BCB. All on-campus housing is fully-equipped, including kitchens.

Connect with Us

Visit our website to register for campus tours, live information sessions, individual advising appointments, or chat with a current BCB student.

ADMISSION

Bard College Berlin does not charge an application fee. Applicants for all programs should apply online by filling out the online application form available on our website.

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.

FINANCIAL AID AND FEES

All BA and Academy Year applicants are eligible to apply for needbased 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

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Early Action: November 1 **Regular Decision:** January 15 Late Admission (EU citizens/ residents only): May 1

Spring Transfer: October 15 Fall Transfer: February 15



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Bard College Berlin, Germany

Bard College Berlin is a private, German-American, nonprofit liberal arts college offering four-year BA degree programs and one-year undergraduate programs. On a residential campus in Pankow in the former embassy quarter of East Berlin, students study the social sciences, arts, and humanities. A student to faculty ratio of 5:1 allows the college to provide an education of the highest quality that is based on small-group teaching and individual advising. Students also have access to a global network of study opportunities through partnership agreements and the OSUN Network.

Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

Bard College is a four-year residential college of the liberal arts and sciences with a 150year 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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