

PHILOSOPHY  
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STUDIO ART  
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ART HISTORY  
SOCIOLOGY  
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CREATIVE WRITING  
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THEATER  
PHOTOGRAPHY  
AESTHETICS  
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**Bard College Berlin**  
A LIBERAL ARTS UNIVERSITY

# AT A GLANCE

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

356

Students

68

Nationalities

36

Average IB score

79%

Students receiving financial aid

11

Average seminar size

5:1

Student-faculty ratio

31

Faculty members

from

14

Countries

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"Taking an active part in their education, Bard College Berlin students acquire the skills and knowledge provided by a shared curriculum and specialization in their chosen fields. They work closely with professors and artists of international standing, and are involved in projects of civic and social engagement at local and global level. **A diverse community on a residential campus in a world city, the college brings the ideals and traditions of the liberal arts to contemporary life.**"

Prof. Dr. Catherine Toal  
Dean of Bard College Berlin  
and Professor of Literature

## ABOUT BARD COLLEGE BERLIN

### A Liberal Arts College in the Heart of Europe

Bard College Berlin was founded to bring the ideals and practices of liberal arts education to the center of the European higher education system: undergraduate teaching by professors and artists; small-group seminar and workshop formats; academic advising; interdisciplinary study; a core curriculum. The college and its programs are accredited at state level in Berlin and at federal level in Germany, and accredited in the United States through affiliation since 2012 with Bard College Annandale, which is the leading institution in a global network of universities and colleges committed to an open society and democratic values.

Students come to Bard College Berlin from all over the world. They pursue interdisciplinary degree programs in the arts, humanities, and social sciences, and link their education with projects of civic and social engagement, as well as opportunities for practical training and professional development. Working with faculty and their peers, students become part of a vibrant international community and a center of learning and creativity connected to the city of Berlin. Qualifying graduates earn a German as well as an American BA degree.



# BERLIN AS A PLACE OF LEARNING

## A Small College in a Big City

Bard College Berlin is located in a major European political, economic, and artistic center, where global economic policies and measures on migration and security are debated and tested, and where the arts find their most varied and experimental expression.

## The City as a Classroom

The city of Berlin is an essential component of a BCB education. Classes regularly host scholars and practitioners as guest lecturers, and take excursions to museums, monuments, and art galleries. Beyond the BCB curriculum, students have the possibility to pursue and deepen their interests outside of the classroom through Berlin's many cultural, political, and educational networks.

## Civic Engagement

BCB students are committed to being involved in their local community. With help from the Civic Engagement Office, students can receive small grants and guidance to implement their ideas for community initiatives on and off campus. Through student-led projects and volunteer work, our campus shares talents and resources, supports positive social change, and makes a difference in the civic life of the local community, while being part of an intercultural exchange with the city of Berlin and the world.

## Internship Program

The internship program is an excellent way to gain hands-on experience during studies. Students have engaged with a multitude of organizations in Berlin, such as governmental institutions, art centers, nonprofit organizations, and publishing houses. BCB's Career Services team maintains institutional bonds with organizations and employers in Berlin to connect students with many exciting internship placements and hosts in the city.

## LIVE

As a European capital with a population of 3.6 million, Berlin is an exciting and cosmopolitan urban setting. BCB's campus—nestled in a residential neighborhood on the northeastern edge of the city—offers a quiet, green environment for focused studies. Students are well-connected to the center of the city with a direct public transport line. Berlin's vast resources for cultural enrichment, professional development, and intellectual inspiration lie just a short tram ride away.

## EXPLORE

Steeped in history and always reinventing itself, Berlin is a fascinating place to study politics, economics, literature, art, and culture. History is kept alive in its streets, which teem with art and architecture, monuments, museums, and performance venues. International artists, writers, and scholars are drawn to its vibrant art, theater, and music scenes. As the only liberal arts college in Berlin, BCB brings a unique perspective to Berlin's educational landscape, which features large public universities and research institutes, attracting students from all over the world.

## WORK

Berlin offers a unique constellation of employment opportunities for students of the humanities and social sciences during and after their studies. As the seat of the German government and a key actor in European and international politics, many influential public sector and foreign policy institutions are based in Berlin. The thriving cultural scene hosts state-supported museums and theaters, as well as small independent theaters, galleries, and private art collections. As the city in Germany with the largest number of startups, Berlin has an impressive network of support services for entrepreneurs and innovators.

*“My favorite part of the job was getting to work closely with veteran experts on the region and observe how foreign policy comes to life outside of academic books.”*

— **Mouadh Elarbi, EPST, BA Class of 2024**

Interned in the Middle East and North Africa Department at Konrad Adenauer Foundation



# BA PROGRAMS

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, as they master a specialization in economics, politics, literature, or the arts.

## CORE CURRICULUM

The Core Curriculum is a series of interdisciplinary courses taken over six semesters covering the history of ideas and society from the ancient world to the present, including a focus on the major developments in philosophy, literature, art, social theory, science, and religion.

## SPECIALIZATIONS

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

## ELECTIVES

Courses are offered 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. Any course offered at the college can be taken as an elective.

## GERMAN LANGUAGE

All degree-seeking students must demonstrate German at intermediate level by the end of the second year. The college offers German language courses from beginner to advanced level, granting access to professional opportunities or graduate study in Germany.

## STUDY ABROAD (Optional)

A semester or year of study abroad can be pursued at partner institutions in Europe, the United States, and around the world.

## INTERNSHIP (Optional)

Practical training for academic credit can be undertaken in a wide range of institutions and organizations across sectors.

## BA THESIS & CREATIVE COMPONENT

A thesis or artistic final project is completed as the culmination of each BA degree.

Students discuss a text in the Medieval Literatures and Cultures core course.



*“A liberal arts education is on the one hand a broad range of opportunities in a variety of fields and in a variety of topics, and on the other hand a way of studying in which you have to personally get involved. A liberal arts education is a process of constantly pairing up one’s opportunities with one’s interests.”*

— Miksa Gáspár, HAST, BA Class of 2023

### Why pursue a liberal arts education?

A liberal arts education offers students **breadth** and **depth** of study. The Bachelor of Arts program at Bard College Berlin combines interdisciplinary study across the humanities, social sciences, arts, and history of science with a specialization in a chosen academic or artistic field. A flexible course selection allows students to explore different areas of study according to their interests and across academic boundaries. The progression of the program toward independent research or a creative thesis project in the fourth year of study allows students to gain expertise and practical experience in one discipline.

### Thinking across academic disciplines and encountering new fields.

The **core curriculum** and **electives** are the main sources of breadth in all degree programs at Bard College Berlin. Throughout their studies, all BA students follow a common six-course, interdisciplinary, and co-taught curriculum in intellectual, cultural, and political history. Electives allow students to explore new areas of study and enrich their main academic focus with a variety of study and artistic experiences. Each student works with an academic advisor, who helps them build a tailored and cohesive selection of courses over the four years of study.

### Developing expertise in an individual area of study

The main sources of depth in the BA programs are the selection of a **concentration**. Students declare their concentration, through a process called **moderation**, in the fourth semester, after completing foundational courses in

one or several areas of interest. Students in the BA in Artistic Practice and Society **specialize** in interdisciplinary artistic practice through work on an individual creative project in their senior year.

### Practical experience and professional skills

All degree-seeking students must **learn German** to intermediate level, and can pursue study in the language to advanced competency through our German Studies Program. This enables them to intern in Berlin, work off-campus, and access the German and European job markets and graduate programs after completion of their degree. Additionally, the **internship program** allows students to gain work experience in fields related to their studies. The degree 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.

### Individual research and creative practice

All three BA programs culminate with a **senior thesis** closely supervised by a faculty member and guided by the student’s participation in a **research colloquium**. Students in the BA in Artistic Practice and Society complete an artistic project in addition to the written thesis. This may consist of a performance piece, theater or video work, film, photography, drawing, painting, sculpture, or creative writing. The written thesis seeks to contextualize the student’s creative work within artistic theory and practice through scholarly research and methodology.

### BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAMS

#### ECONOMICS, POLITICS, AND SOCIAL THOUGHT

**Specializations:**  
Economics  
Politics

Duration:  
4 years (8 semesters)

Credits earned:  
256 ECTS credits/  
128 US credits

#### HUMANITIES, THE ARTS, AND SOCIAL THOUGHT

**Specializations:**  
Art and Aesthetics  
Ethics and Politics  
Literature and Rhetoric

Duration:  
4 years (8 semesters)

Credits earned:  
256 ECTS credits/  
128 US credits

#### ARTISTIC PRACTICE AND SOCIETY

**Specialization:**  
Artistic Practice

Duration:  
4 years (8 semesters)

Credits earned:  
256 ECTS credits/  
128 US credits





Students in an advanced seminar

# ECONOMICS, POLITICS, AND SOCIAL THOUGHT

## BA Program Overview

How can we achieve sustainable economic growth? What is global citizenship in a world of nation-states?

The BA in Economics, Politics, and Social Thought provides training in economics and politics within the framework of a liberal arts education. Alongside **Economics** and **Politics** courses that are essential for achieving an advanced level of competence in these fields, students complete a core program addressing central developments in intellectual and cultural history from ancient societies to the present day. The program includes courses in civic and social engagement, and a progression toward the capacity to produce and present independent research. In addition, students have the chance to pursue elective study in a wide range of artistic and literary areas.

The fundamental aim of the BA in Economics, Politics, and Social Thought is to embed the study of the social sciences within larger cultural, intellectual, and social contexts, and to encourage a reflective application of the methods and insights of economics and politics toward solving complex issues of the contemporary world.

## FACULTY PROFILE HIGHLIGHTS



**PROF. DR. BORIS VORMANN**  
Professor of Politics

Germany  
PhD in Political Science  
Free University of Berlin

- Recent courses:**
- *State Theory: Law, Politics, and Space*
  - *Nation-States and Democracy*
  - *Critical Geopolitics*



**PROF. DR. GALE RAJ-REICHERT**  
Professor of Politics

Malaysia/USA  
PhD in Development Studies  
University of Manchester

- Recent courses:**
- *Introduction to Policy Analysis*
  - *Global Public Policies and Their Impact on the Global South*
  - *The Political Economy of Globalization*



**PROF. DR. ISRAEL WAICHMAN**  
Professor of Economics

Israel  
PhD in Economics  
Christian-Albrecht University of Kiel

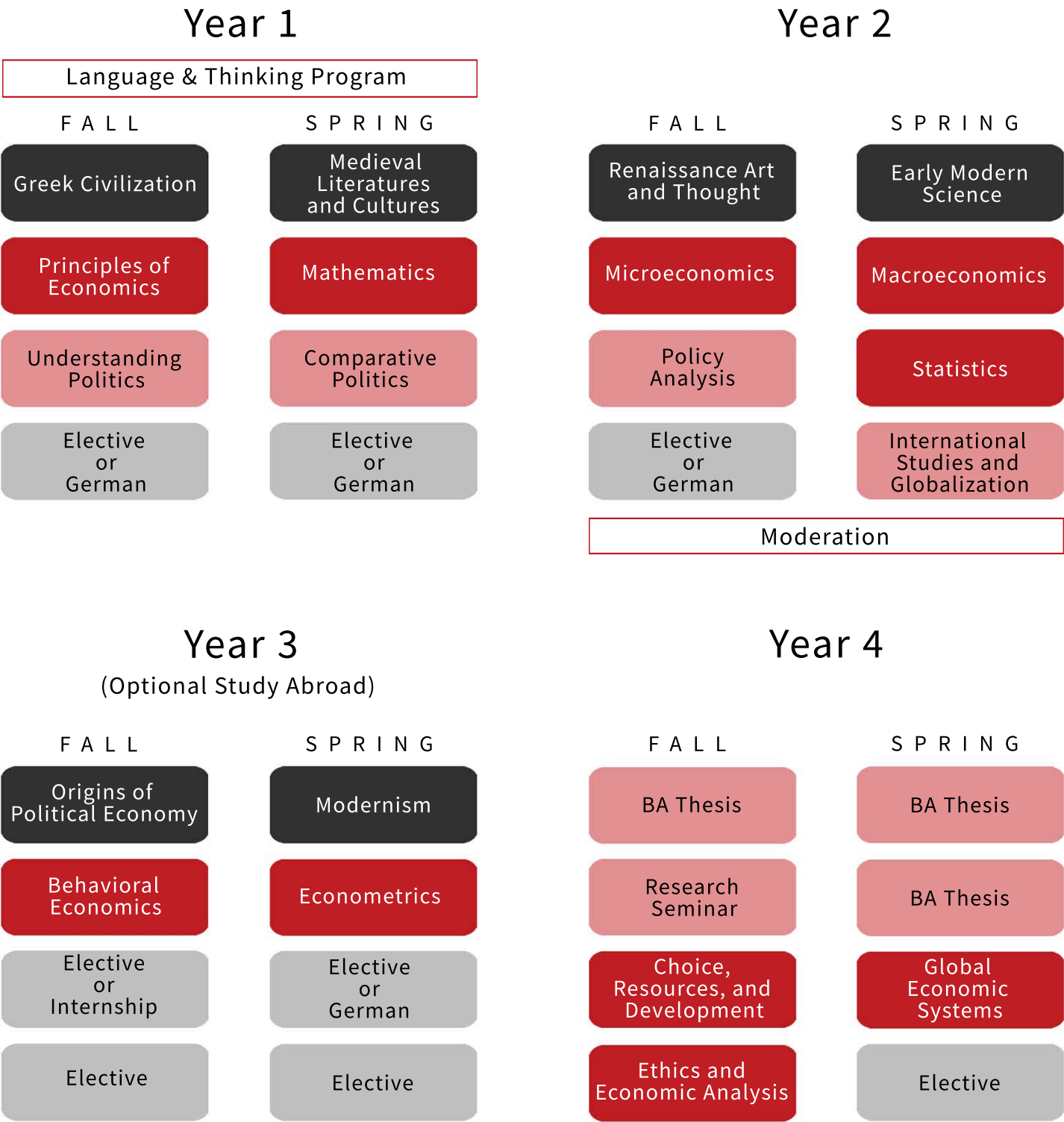
- Recent courses:**
- *Experimental Economics*
  - *Econometrics*
  - *Environmental and Resource Economics*



# BA in Economics, Politics, and Social Thought

## Economics

Economics at Bard College Berlin is a unique course of study that includes comprehensive training in macroeconomics, microeconomics, and quantitative methods. At the advanced level, students can explore courses in environmental economics, econometrics, and behavioral economics.



Year 4

FALL

SPRING

BA Thesis

Research Seminar

Choice, Resources, and Development

Ethics and Economic Analysis

BA Thesis

BA Thesis

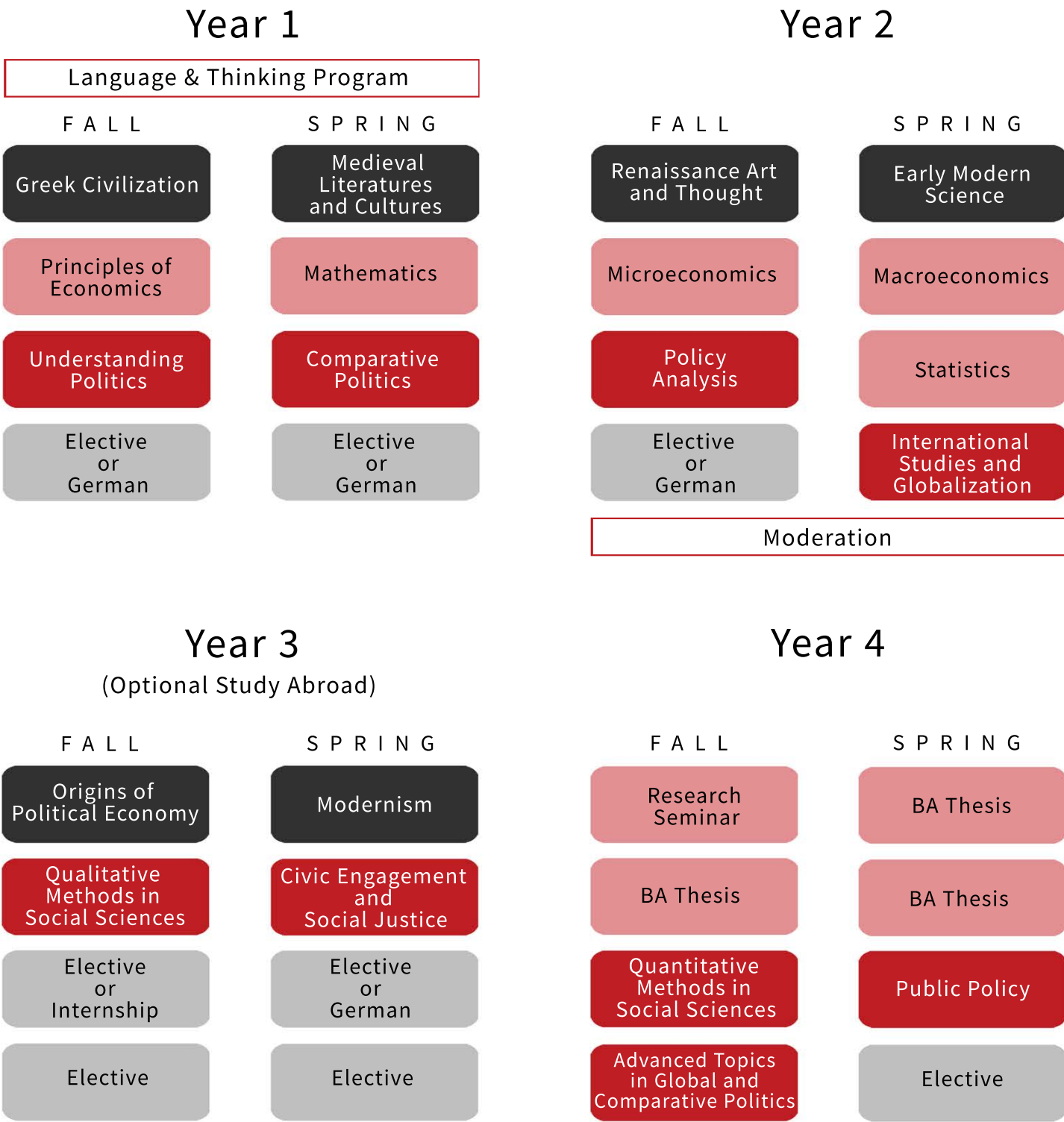
Global Economic Systems

Elective

# BA in Economics, Politics, and Social Thought

## Politics

Studying politics at Bard College Berlin involves training in quantitative and qualitative methods in the social sciences as well as familiarity with the central concepts and questions of political studies and political theory.



Year 4

FALL

SPRING

Research Seminar

BA Thesis

Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences

Advanced Topics in Global and Comparative Politics

BA Thesis

BA Thesis

Public Policy

Elective

# HUMANITIES, THE ARTS, AND SOCIAL THOUGHT

## BA Program Overview

What is the relationship between art and human rights? How does literature affect our worldview? Why has there always been a tension between ethics and politics?

The BA in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought provides the opportunity to specialize in the fields of Art and Aesthetics, Ethics and Politics, or Literature and Rhetoric, alongside a core program in intellectual history from ancient societies to the present day. Each concentration combines fundamental knowledge with critical reflection and practical experience. **Art and Aesthetics** unites studio production with philosophical aesthetics and art history. **Ethics and Politics** aligns foundational and advanced study of political science with ethics, moral philosophy, and global citizenship. **Literature and Rhetoric** encompasses literary tradition and innovation, creative writing, and study of the discourses of the public sphere. The program includes courses in civic and social engagement, and a progression toward the capacity to produce and present independent research. In addition, students have the chance to pursue elective study in a wide range of areas.

The overarching aims of the BA program are to cultivate reflective, historically-informed specialist knowledge; an appreciation and understanding of art, literature and thought; a spirit of inquiry and social conscientiousness; and fluency in writing and communication.

## FACULTY PROFILE HIGHLIGHTS



**PROF. DR. AYA SOIKA**  
Professor of Art History

Germany  
PhD in Art History  
University of Cambridge

- Recent courses:
- *Memory Matters: The Place of Germany's Past in the Present*
  - *Modernism in the Visual Arts: Experiment, Conflict, and Crisis*
  - *Utopia and Despair: German Art and the Question of National Identity*



**PROF. DR. LAURA SCURIATTI**  
Professor of Literature

Italy  
PhD in English Literature  
University of Reading

- Recent courses:
- *Feminism and Community*
  - *From Confession to Personal Essay: Forms of Life-Writing*
  - *Renaissance Florence*



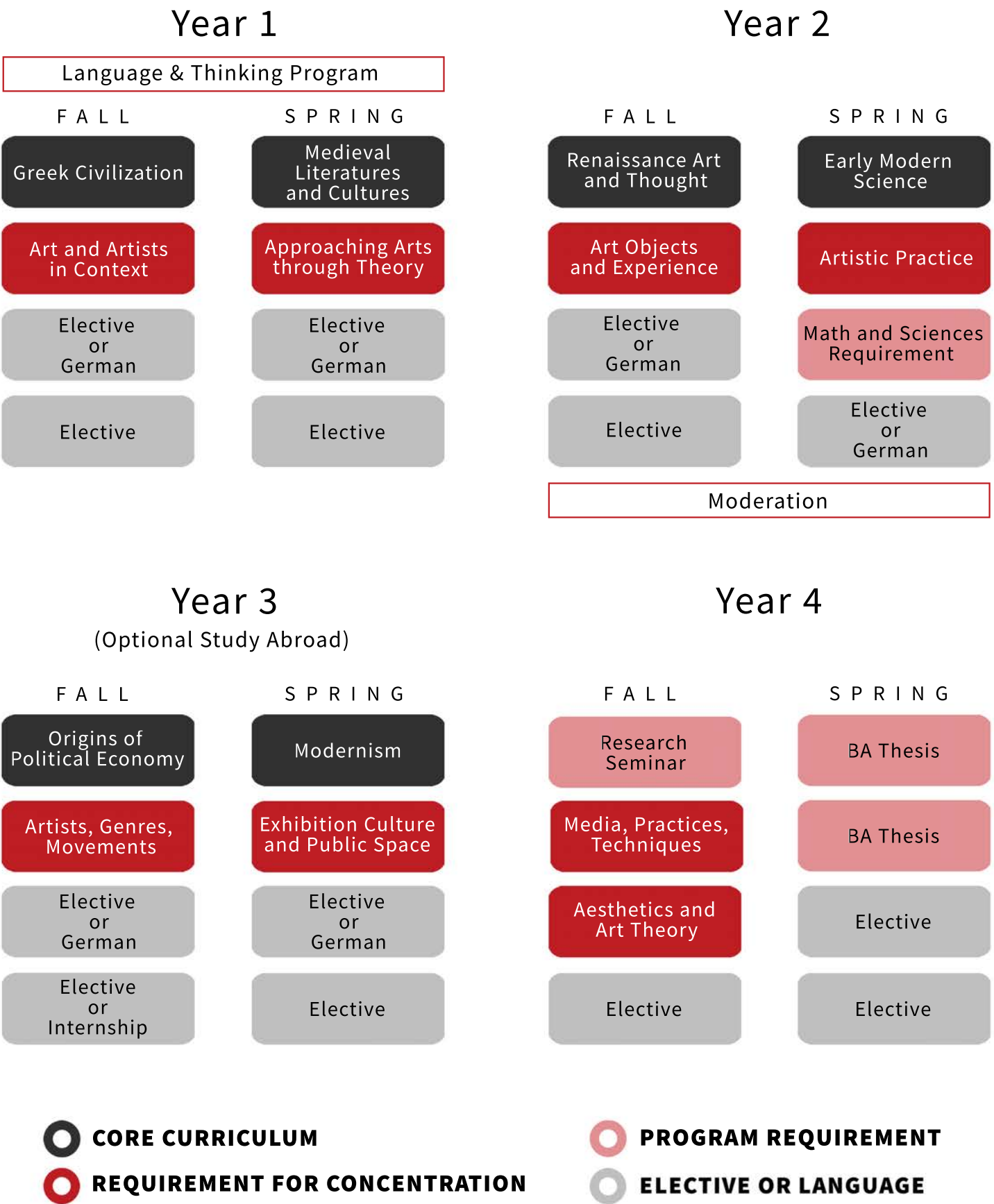
**PROF. DR. EWA ATANASSOW**  
Professor of Political Thought

Bulgaria/Poland  
PhD from the Committee on Social Thought  
University of Chicago

- Recent courses:
- *The Soviet Experience: A Postcolonial Assessment*
  - *When the People Rule: Popular Sovereignty in Theory and Practice*
  - *Aristotle's Politics: A Complete Reading*

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

The Art and Aesthetics concentration encompasses the study of art in all of its aspects: philosophical, practical, and historical. Courses in the concentration utilize Berlin as an artist's space, featuring internationally renowned guest faculty and visits to Berlin museums and art galleries.



BA in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought

Ethics and Politics

The Ethics and Politics concentration considers essential questions about the nature of politics through the study of ethics and moral philosophy, political systems and structures, and history of political thought, while introducing students to the fundamentals of political science.

Year 1		Year 2	
Language & Thinking Program			
FALL	SPRING	FALL	SPRING
Greek Civilization	Medieval Literatures and Cultures	Renaissance Art and Thought	Early Modern Science
Ethics and Moral Philosophy	History of Political Thought	Methods in Social and Historical Studies	Political Systems and Structures
Elective or German	Elective or German	Elective or German	Math and Sciences Requirement
Elective	Elective	Elective	Elective or German
		Moderation	

Year 3 (Optional Study Abroad)		Year 4	
FALL	SPRING	FALL	SPRING
Origins of Political Economy	Modernism	Research Seminar	BA Thesis
Movements and Thinkers	Civic Engagement and Social Justice	Global Social Theory	BA Thesis
Elective or German	Elective or German	Law, Politics and Society	Elective
Elective or Internship	Elective	Elective	Elective

BA in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought

Literature and Rhetoric

The Literature and Rhetoric concentration introduces students to the manifestations of literature, its genres and styles and their development, as well as their relationship to other discourses and forms. It also includes the practice of various kinds of writing, from journalistic reportage to creative writing.

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

Year 3 (Optional Study Abroad)		Year 4	
FALL	SPRING	FALL	SPRING
Origins of Political Economy	Modernism	Research Seminar	BA Thesis
Theories of Literature and Culture	Producing Literature	Writer and the World	BA Thesis
Elective or German	Elective or German	Literary Movements and Forms	Elective
Elective or Internship	Elective	Elective	Elective



# ARTISTIC PRACTICE AND SOCIETY

## BA Program Overview

How does art reflect (on) reality? What is the place of art in society?

In the BA in **Artistic Practice and Society**, students pursue a wide range of artistic production, including film, photography, sculpture, theater, and performance, within the framework of an academic program that addresses the question of how art and its formats and institutional settings have transformed under the pressure of political and social concerns. Pursuing their artistic interests in combination with a core program in intellectual and cultural history, students also have the opportunity to link art with civic engagement and with urgent contemporary issues, such as the interaction between art and ecology, and changes in conceptions of human identity and agency.

As a global center for artistic activity and display, Berlin serves as an exceptional laboratory for the program, with courses that include exhibition and performance visits, occasions to observe artists at work, and introductions to the varieties of organizations and institutions involved in the art world.

## FACULTY PROFILE HIGHLIGHTS



**JOHN KLECKNER**  
Professor of Studio Arts

USA  
BFA in Painting  
University of Iowa

- Recent courses:
- *Found Fragments & Layered Lines: mixed-media techniques for drawing and collage*
  - *Advanced Painting: Illusionistic Surfaces*
  - *Advanced Painting: Oil Paint and After*



**PROF. DR. DOROTHEA VON HANTELMA**  
Professor of Art History

Germany  
PhD in Art History  
Free University of Berlin

- Recent courses:
- *Game Changers in 20th and 21st Century Art*
  - *Research-Creation: (Im-)Materialities of 20th/21st Century Migration Regimes*
  - *The Exhibition - A New Western Ritual?*



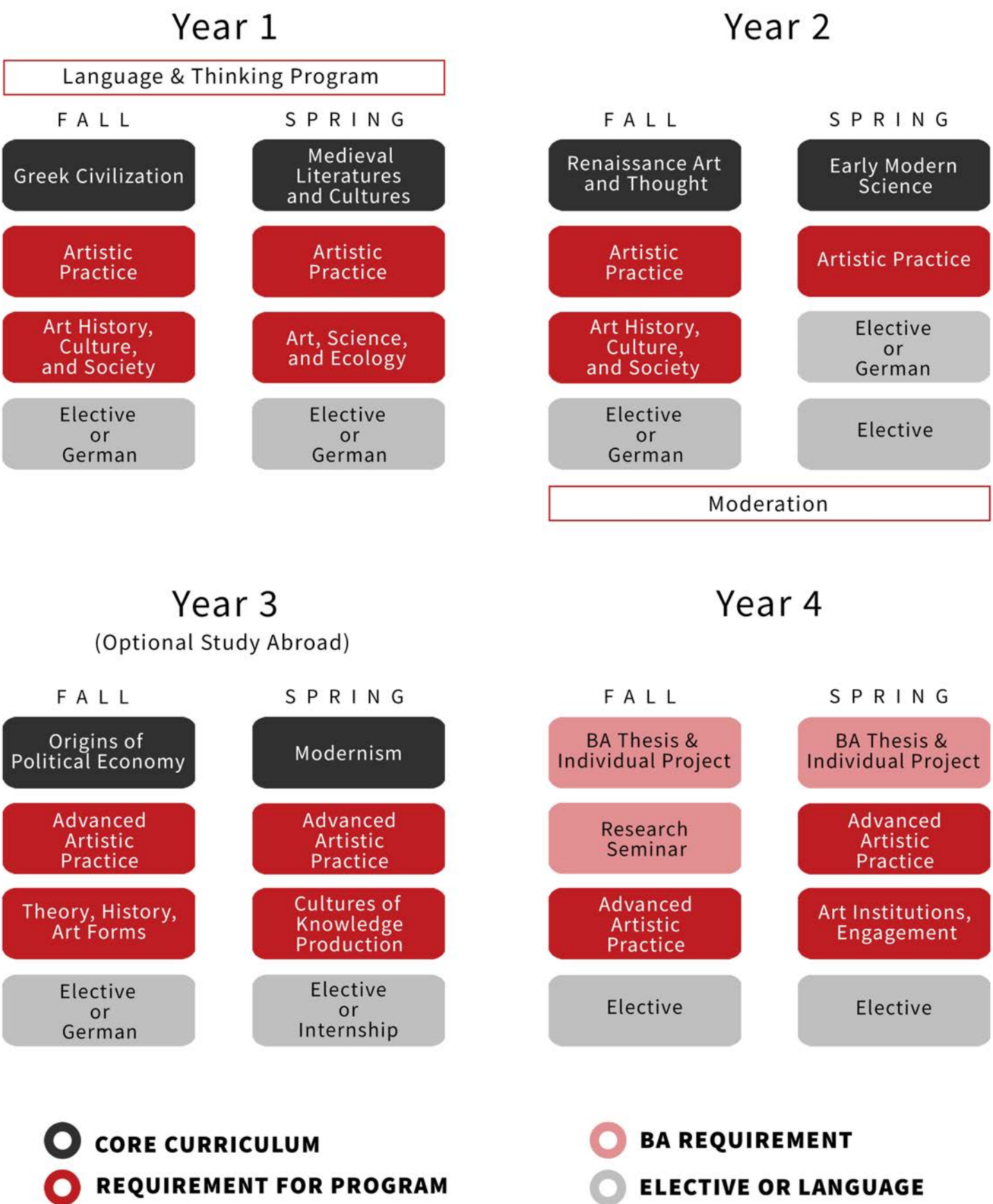
**PROF. DR. NINA TECKLE**  
Professor of Theater and Performance

Germany  
PhD in Theater Studies  
Free University of Berlin

- Recent courses:
- *Critical Acts: Introduction to Performance Studies*
  - *Self-Instructions: Creating Autobiographical Performance with She She Pop*
  - *Digital Theaters: Performance in Post/Pandemic Times*

# Artistic Practice and Society

The specialization in Artistic Practice and Society invites students to explore all areas of the practicing arts—photography, painting, sculpture, drawing, ceramics, theater, performance, video art, and film-making—and engage with the most recent and exciting developments in contemporary art.







# ALUMNI/AE EXCELLENCE

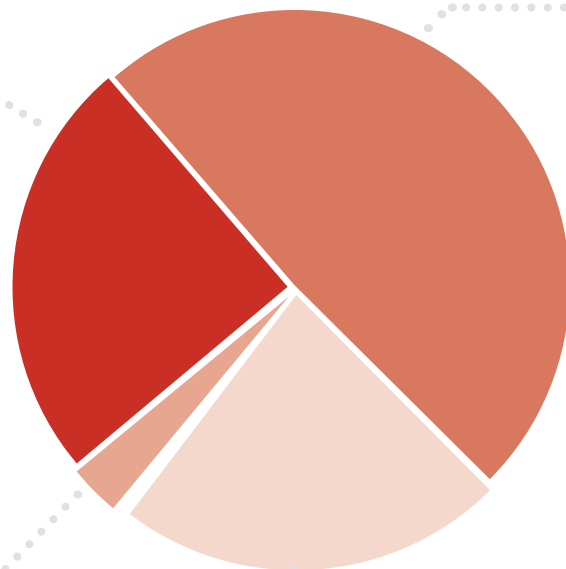
Life after Bard College Berlin

## Placements of BA alumni/ae after graduation

**24%**  
studying

in graduate programs at institutions including:

- 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 Cambridge
- University of Chicago
- University of Oxford



**4%**  
other

(gap year, travel, internships)

**24%**  
studying & employed

**48%**  
employed

in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, including:

- Berlin Biennale für zeitgenössische Kunst
- Deloitte Germany GmbH
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ)
- Deutsche Welle
- European Commission
- Global Climate Forum, e.V.
- Los Angeles Review of Books
- PayPal Holdings, Inc
- TikTok

*Average, based on available data from classes of 2020-2022*



**TALIA KRACAUER**  
USA

**BA in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought '17, with a concentration in Art and Aesthetics**

Talia obtained an MFA in Advanced Theatre Practice at the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama in 2020. In 2022, she founded the London-based theater company, Popsie Theatre.



**AZIZA IZAMOVA**  
Uzbekistan

**BA in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought '21, with a concentration in Art and Aesthetics**

Aziza is a PhD student in the History of Art and Architecture at Harvard University. Her research interests include the Soviet and European avant-gardes, art production in Soviet Central Asia, and Islamic architecture.



**ERICK MORENO SUPERLANO**  
Venezuela

**BA in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought '21, with a concentration in Literature and Rhetoric**

Erick is pursuing a Master's degree in Migration Studies at the University of Oxford, and has been granted the prestigious Clarendon Scholarship to further pursue a DPhil in the field of Migration Studies.



**LINDA EGGERT**  
Germany

**BA in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought '14, with a concentration in Ethics and Politics**

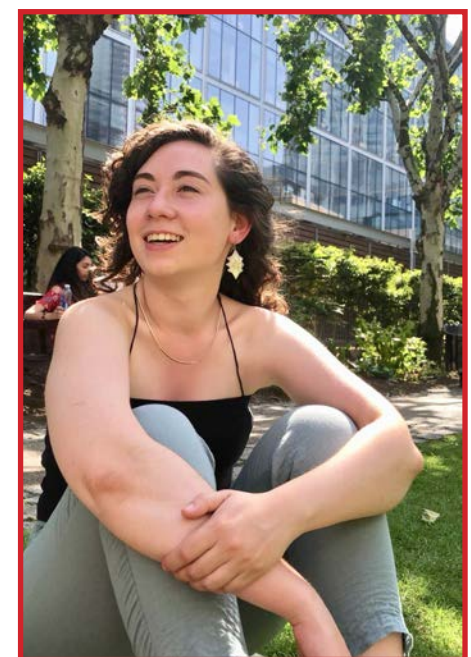
Linda received her DPhil in Political Theory from the University of Oxford, and now holds an Early Career Fellowship at the Institute for Ethics in AI at the University of Oxford.



**MICHAL STROKA**  
Czech Republic

**BA in Economics, Politics, and Social Thought '18, with a double-concentration in Economics and Politics**

Michal is Director of Korean Operations in Seoul for CzechInvest and CzechTrade, two Czech state agencies for business development.



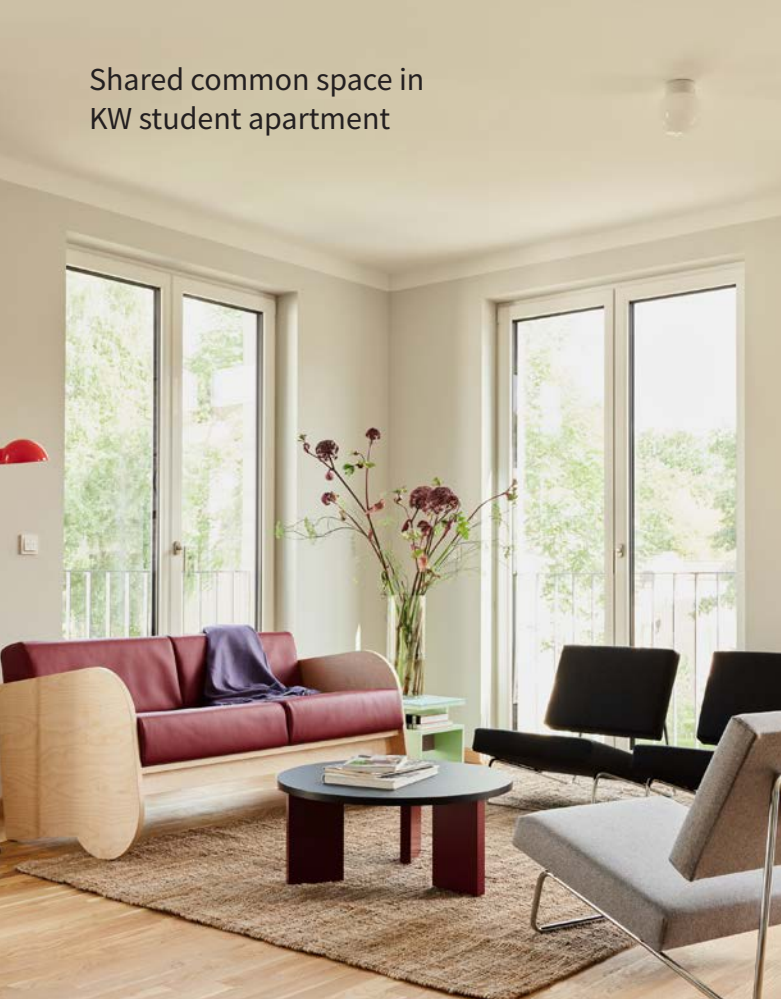
**CLARA CANALES**  
Chile/Netherlands

**BA in Economics, Politics, and Social Thought '19, with a concentration in Politics**

Clara is an Expansion Associate Principal at Via Berlin, a green transit tech firm. Previously, she worked for ConceptZero, a green start-up focused on developing eco-friendly and reusable products.



Shared common space in KW student apartment



Fully furnished rooms include private study spaces



A student study space in Henry Koerner Hall



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



# Campus Housing

All first- and second-year students, as well as Academy Year students, live on campus in apartment-style residence halls, in shared or single rooms. The residence halls are fully furnished and all located within the neighborhood surrounding the campus. The residential life staff support students in providing an active

community in BCB's international residence halls. BCB's first living learning community, DerDieDas Haus, offers students the chance to improve their German language skills in a German-speaking community on campus.

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



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







# COMMUNITY & STUDENT LIFE

A tight-knit community on a residential campus

## STUDENT LIFE

The student body at Bard College Berlin is small yet highly international, and it includes not only full-time Bard College Berlin students, but also visiting students from the Open Society University Network (OSUN) and the European ERASMUS exchange networks.

## CAREER SERVICES

Career Services at Bard College Berlin helps students turn their education into valuable professional and postgraduate experiences, by providing individualized support with preparing internship and job applications, and connecting students with internship hosts in Berlin.

## CAMPUS RESOURCES

From health counseling, student life support, and peer tutoring to A/V resources, the library, a fitness center, and arts spaces, students at Bard College Berlin have access to services and resources to support their studies and health.

## GET ENGAGED

# OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM

### Civic Engagement

Bard College Berlin supports student involvement with public life outside of the classroom to promote commitment to active citizenship, and to foster an engaged campus community. 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:** a student club promoting sustainable and environmentally friendly practices and policies on campus
- **BCB Swap Shop:** a student sustainability project promoting the exchange of clothing and various reusable items on campus
- **BCB Urban Gardening:** a student group that grows and harvests vegetables and herbs on campus, promotes conscious food consumption, and develops green spaces on the BCB campus
- **The English Hour:** a student-led community program bringing together neighbors and the BCB community for conversational English classes and inter-cultural exchange
- **BCB Open Classroom:** a project that offers interested people from the neighborhood and from across Berlin the opportunity to experience university-level courses facilitated by BCB students in an informal setting, incentivizing BCB students to share the knowledge they gain in courses attended at BCB
- **LGBCBTQ+ Group:** student-led initiative that coordinates workshops, talks, and events related to LGBTQIA+ themes, including an on-campus Queer Community Library and online archive
- **OSUN Global Fellows Program:** OSUN awards Global Engagement Fellowships for promoting and coordinating thematic civic engagement projects. Besides developing and sustaining projects, the fellows facilitate civic engagement skills workshops for other students across the Open Society University Network.

### Student Clubs & Organizations

At the start of each semester, the BCB community organizes the "Student Involvement Fair," where campus clubs and student organizations introduce themselves and welcome new members. The Student and Residential Life Team offers students institutional support in establishing a student club or organization on campus. Over the years, campus clubs and initiatives have included the Student Parliament; the Politics, Rhetoric, and Debate Club; the Economics Club; the Hiking Club; the Film Club; the Life Drawing Club; student-run literary and art magazines, and numerous theater, academic, outdoor and popular interest clubs.

*"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, HAST, BA Class of 2023





# BEYOND BERLIN

Bard College Berlin is globally-connected via its partnerships with the Open Society University Network and the ERASMUS program.

### Bard College: Annandale, NY, USA

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 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. Bard College has been an attractive study abroad option for BCB students in their third year, who seek to practice the arts, creative writing, philosophy, economics, politics, art history, and literature.

### Open Society University Network

OSUN is a global university network founded by Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, and the Central European University (CEU) in Vienna, with Bard College Berlin and an ever-growing number of universities around the world as its members. The network strives to integrate curricula and research across institutions in different countries, and incorporate civic engagement into higher education. BCB students can study abroad throughout the OSUN network, participate in international OSUN projects and conferences, and take courses co-taught with faculty at OSUN partner universities.

### Study Abroad Opportunities

Students at BCB can opt to study abroad—for an exchange semester or academic year—in their third year of studies through international bilateral exchange agreements, and through numerous exchange partnerships with universities partaking in the European Union’s student exchange program ERASMUS. Students opting to study abroad at partner universities benefit from tuition exchange between Bard College Berlin and the partner university. Mobility and support grants are available for students pursuing study abroad through the OSUN and ERASMUS networks.

Several of BCB’s partner institutions have established liberal arts programs at the undergraduate level, while others are important universities and research centers that have contributed to major developments and knowledge expansion in the areas of humanities and social sciences.



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Study abroad  
partner  
universities

42%

BCB students  
who study  
abroad

## UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIPS

### OSUN Study Abroad Partners

1. Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, USA
2. American University of Bulgaria, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria
3. American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
4. BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh
5. Central European University, Vienna, Austria
6. European Humanities University, Vilnius, Lithuania
7. National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung City, Taiwan
8. Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL, USA
9. Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia
10. University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

### International Exchange Agreements

11. Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), Brazil
12. Lingnan University, Hong Kong

### ERASMUS Partner Universities

13. IADT Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Dublin, Ireland
14. Institut d'Études Politiques (Sciences Po), 7 campuses in France
15. Montpellier University, France
16. Amsterdam University College, the Netherlands
17. Leiden University College, The Hague, the Netherlands
18. University College Utrecht, the Netherlands
19. University of Bologna, Italy
20. University of Perugia, Italy
21. Malmö University, Sweden

# SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

Bard College Berlin seeks to ensure that students of diverse socioeconomic backgrounds have access to its degree programs by awarding need-based financial aid and scholarships. 79% of current students receive some level of financial assistance. Visit our website for a full list of scholarships.

## Berlin Scholarship

**Criteria:** Applicants who have demonstrated a sustained interest in German language and culture by taking German language courses in high school or college, participating in German honor society, or taking a leadership role in their school’s German club  
**Award amount:** Need-based award up to 20,000 EUR

## First Generation Scholarship

**Criteria:** Highly motivated students who demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence and will be the first in their family to attend university  
**Award amount:** Up to the full on-campus comprehensive fee

## IB Scholarship

**Criteria:** Students who will earn a full International Baccalaureate diploma with excellent predicted final results in a challenging subject combination  
**Award amount:** Need-based award up to 20,000 EUR

## Global Citizen Scholarship

**Criteria:** Students who have demonstrated a commitment to being part of an international community by studying or working abroad for at least six months during or after high school.  
**Award amount:** Need-based award up to 20,000 EUR

## Open Europe Scholarship

**Criteria:** Talented students from different regions of Europe with a demonstrated commitment to civic engagement  
**Award amount:** Up to the full on-campus comprehensive fee

## Program for International Education and Social Change (PIESC) Scholarship

**Criteria:** Students from areas of crisis and conflict who demonstrate academic excellence and a deep commitment to social change, democracy, and human rights  
**Award amount:** Up to the full on-campus comprehensive fee and additional stipend for living expenses

## Scholarship in Aesthetics

**Criteria:** Students with an outstanding record of involvement and interest in the arts  
**Award amount:** Need-based award up to 20,000 EUR

## Scholarship in Literary Arts

**Criteria:** Students with an exceptional record of involvement and interest in the written and theater arts  
**Award amount:** Need-based award up to 20,000 EUR

## Scholarship in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics

**Criteria:** Students with an outstanding record of involvement and interest in philosophy, politics, and/or economics  
**Award amount:** Need-based award up to 20,000 EUR

## United World Colleges Scholarship

**Criteria:** Graduates from one of the 18 United World Colleges who desire to study humanities, the arts, or social sciences at Bard College Berlin. Successful applicants will have an impressive record of civic engagement in addition to a strong academic record.  
**Award amount:** Up to the full on-campus comprehensive fee

## Voluntary Engagement Scholarship

**Criteria:** Students who have demonstrated dedication to civic engagement by completing a recognized voluntary service program (such as Freiwilliges Soziales Jahr, Bundesfreiwilligendienst, or European Voluntary Service) in Germany or abroad  
**Award amount:** Need-based award up to 20,000 EUR

All BA and Academy Year applicants are eligible to apply for need-based financial aid and scholarships, regardless of nationality. US citizens may use US 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, visit:  
[berlin.bard.edu/admissions/finances/tuition-and-fees](https://berlin.bard.edu/admissions/finances/tuition-and-fees)



# HOW TO APPLY

## Admission Requirements

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. A portfolio with creative and artistic work is optional, but encouraged for applicants for the BA in Artistic Practice and Society. SAT/ACT scores are not required.

## Degrees Granted and One-Year Programs

Currently, three undergraduate degrees are offered at Bard College Berlin: BA in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought; BA in Economics, Politics, and Social Thought; and BA in Artistic Practice and Society.

In addition, Bard College Berlin offers two one-year, non-degree undergraduate-level programs: the Academy Year and the Project Year.

## German and US 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). Bachelor of Arts degrees are awarded by both Bard College Berlin and Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York.

## 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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