



LANGUAGE AND THINKING PROGRAM

August 11-26, 2020



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Welcome to the Language and Thinking Program at Bard College Berlin! This intensive program serves as an introduction to student life at the college. The theme of the program is “New Worlds/New Words,” a reference to the article in the anthology by bell hooks as well as an encapsulation of the program as a whole and your experience arriving at Bard College Berlin. During the next three weeks, we will engage in exercises that seek to unlock creativity, model new ways of generating insight, lift the pressures associated with academic work, and develop the skills needed for reading, understanding, and analyzing visual, literary, and philosophical material. We’ll find new words for these new worlds as think about our place in our international community on campus as well as the larger world. We will explore some of the cornerstones of social life: politics, art, culture. We’ll hear many of the forty or so languages spoken on campus, read texts, watch films, and discover the ways that the liberal arts help us to understand ourselves, our communities, and our roles as global citizens.

Throughout the program, we do our best to ease the transition to student life at Bard College Berlin, whether you are physically present in Berlin or participating remotely. If you have any questions, just ask. Faculty and staff are happy to help!

Cafeteria Open Hours (unless otherwise specified):

Breakfast	8:00-9:00
Lunch	11:30-13:30
Dinner	18:00-19:30
Brunch (weekend)	10:00-13:00

2020 Language and Thinking Program

Tuesday, August 11

9:00-10:30	L&T Session <i>See your group assignment for location.</i>
11:00-12:30	L&T Session
Afternoon	Asynchronous Session

Wednesday, August 12

9:00-10:30	L&T Session
11:00-12:30	L&T Session
Afternoon	Asynchronous Session
Evening	Film Screening: <i>Berlin: Symphony of a Great City</i> (Ruttman 1927)

Thursday, August 13

9:00-10:30	L&T Session
11:00-12:30	L&T Session
Afternoon	Writing Tutor Sessions
16:00	Spok (Fitness Center) Orientation (optional) <i>Meet Zoltan outside of Waldstrasse 16 to walk to Spok.</i>

Friday, August 14

9:00-10:30	L&T Session
11:00-12:30	L&T Session
Afternoon	Prepare for Performance
16:00-16.30	Student Performance <i>P98A Courtyard</i>

Saturday, August 15

16:00-20:30	Picnic in Victoria Park <i>Join Bose for a trip to Kreuzberg. The group will walk around the beautiful sights of the park and find a good spot for a picnic dinner. The group will go to the film screening afterward. Meet in front of W16 for departure. Please Sign Up to Attend.</i>
19:45-22:30	Freiluftkino: <i>Paris is Burning</i> (Livingston, 1990) <i>The whole cohort will attend an open-air screening of Paris is Burning at Alte Münze. Julian will lead a group leaving campus at 19:45. Meet in front of W16. If you're coming from elsewhere in Berlin, meet in front of Alte Münze at 20:30. If you're unable to attend, let your L&T instructor know, and be sure to watch the film on your own before August 17.</i>

Sunday, August 16

12:00-16:00	Trip to Pankow Botanical Gardens <i>Join Miksa for a trip to the Pankow Botanischer Garten. The group will leave from campus together and travel a few stops to the Botanischer Garden where animals and good green areas are waiting for us to picnic. Bring snack and drink if you would like. Meet in front of W16 for departure. Please Sign Up to Attend.</i>
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Monday, August 17

9:00-10:30	L&T Session
11:00-16:00	Individual Meetings
16:00-17:30	Special Session with Dina Nayeri (online)

Tuesday, August 18

11:00-12:30	L&T Session
13:00-19:00	Excursion Day I

Each group will hold an L&T session somewhere in Berlin, followed by dinner in town. Online groups will join the in-person groups for some part of the excursion.

Wednesday, August 19

9:00-10:30	L&T Session
11:00-12:30	Academic Writing Session (online)

Thursday, August 20

9:00-10:30	L&T Session
11:00-12:30	L&T Session
Afternoon	Asynchronous Session

Friday, August 21

11:00-12:30	L&T Session
14:00-17:00	Excursion Day II

Your Group Leader will let you know about the specific meeting place & time for your trip.

Saturday, August 22

All day

Meetings with Writing Tutors

Sign up on Thursday for a one-on-one session with a Writing Tutor about your upcoming final essay.

14:00-18:00

Kayak/SUP on the Spree

Join Anne-Luna for an afternoon of kayaking or stand up paddling on the Spree River. Kayak/SUP rentals for two hours will cost about 20 euros. Departure is at 14:00, outside the Cafeteria. Please Sign Up to Attend.

14:00-20:00

Hiking and Teufelsberg Visit

Join Qais for hiking and watching the sunset from Teufelsberg and tour of the Cold War-era American listening station. Entrance fee is 5 euros. You're encouraged to bring drinks or snacks. Meet outside W16 for departure. Please Sign Up to Attend.

Sunday, August 23

All day

Meetings with Writing Tutors

Sign up on Thursday for a one-on-one session with a Writing Tutor about your upcoming final essay.

10:15-18:00

Trip to Potsdam

Join Mátyás for a trip to the nearby city of Potsdam, home to many palaces of Prussian royalty. Bring snacks and comfortable footwear. No expenses, but bring some money for food, etc. if you like. Meet outside the Cafeteria for departure. Please Sign Up to Attend.

Monday, August 24

9:00-10:30

L&T Session

11:00-12:30

L&T Session

Afternoon

Asynchronous Session

Tuesday, August 25

9:00-10:30

L&T Session

11:00-12:30

L&T Session

Afternoon

Asynchronous Session

Wednesday, August 26

9:00-10:30

Closing Exercises

11:00-12:30

Preparation for Final Film

20:30-21:00

Eighth Annual L&T Film Festival (Outside Cafeteria)

Thursday, August 27 and Friday, August 28 are Fall Semester Orientation Days. Attendance at some sessions is required.

Please note, as indicated by the Student Handbook (12):

The Language and Thinking Program (L&T)

The Language and Thinking Program takes place in the three weeks prior to the beginning of the fall semester. All Bard College Berlin BA first-year students, Bard College first years attending Bard College Berlin, and Academy Year students are required to attend and pass the Language and Thinking Program in order to register officially as students of Bard College Berlin. Transfer students entering the BA degree above the first year need not complete the Language and Thinking Program, but are invited to do so if they choose. Attendance is required at all sessions of the program, and assignments must be completed according to the deadlines and specifications set by the instructors. Non-attendance at a session, failure to participate adequately, or failure to complete assignments will be reported to the Dean and may result in the student going through the process outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and being asked to leave the program. Students who do not complete the Language and Thinking Program are given the opportunity to re-enroll the following year.

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Eichenstr.

Dietzgenstr.

Waldstr.

Platanenstr.

Brosepark

Kuckhoffstr.

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Treskowstr.

Friedrich-Engels Str.

Waldstr.

Herman-Hesse-Str./
Waldstr.

Bank

Pharmacy

Biomarkt

Supermarket

CAMPUS MAP

1. Administration Building
Platanenstr. 24
2. Teaching Building (Lecture Hall)
Platanenstr. 98a
3. Teaching Building
Platanenstr. 98
4. Student Center Kuckhoffstr. 43
5. Library Kuckhoffstr. 41
6. Residence Hall Waldstr. 16
7. Residence Hall Waldstr. 15
(under construction)
8. Residence Hall Kuckhoffstr. 30
(under construction)
9. Residence Hall Kuckhoffstr. 24
10. Henry Koerner Hall
Residences, Waldstr. 68
11. Cafeteria Waldstr. 70
12. The Factory
Arts Building, Eichenstr. 43
13. Residence Halls Treskowstr. 25

Bus/Tram stop

Am Iderfenngaben