



# LANGUAGE AND THINKING PROGRAM

August 9-25, 2021



**Bard College Berlin**  
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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 we 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. 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

**2021 Language and Thinking Program**

**Monday, August 9**

9:15-10:45	L&T Session <i>See your group assignment for location.</i>
11:00-12:30	L&T Session
Afternoon	Asynchronous Session

**Tuesday, August 10**

9:15-10:45	L&T Session
11:00-12:30	L&T Session
16:00-17:30	Spok (Fitness Center) Orientation <i>Meet Zoltan outside of Waldstrasse 16 to walk to Spok.</i>
19:00-20:30	Film Screening: <i>Berlin: Symphony of a Great City</i> (Ruttman, 1927) <i>The first forty to sign up can attend the screening in the Lecture Hall. Alternatively, you can watch the film on your own online.</i>

**Wednesday, August 11**

9:15-10:45	L&T Session
11:00-12:30	L&T Session
Afternoon	Partner Session

### **Thursday, August 12**

9:15-10:45	L&T Session
11:00-12:30	L&T Session
Afternoon	Writing Tutor Group Session <i>Your Writing Tutor will schedule a one-hour session with your group.</i>

### **Friday, August 13**

9:15-10:45	L&T Session
11:00-12:30	L&T Session
17:00-18:00	Student Performance <i>Garden behind P98A</i>

### **Saturday, August 14**

11:00-16:00	Trip to Schlachtensee <i>Join Shreya for a trip to Schlachtensee, one of Berlin's nicest lakes to take a swim or just relax by the water. The group will depart from HKH at 11:00, find a nice spot to sit and have some snacks, spend a few hours in the sun and water and head back to campus by early evening. Sign up required.</i>
12:30-16:00	Trip to Naturpark Barnim <i>Join Zoë to explore Berlin's sylvan next-door neighbor with a walk through Naturpark Barnim in Brandenburg. We will start the day by going for a nature walk (bird watching encouraged!). The train ride to the park is about an hour, so bring a good book! Sign up required.</i>
19:30-00:00	Freiluftkino Night

*Visit one of Berlin's outdoor movie theaters to see Nomadland (Zhao, 2020). Tickets provided for those who sign up. You might wish bring money for refreshments.*

### **Sunday, August 15**

12:00-16:00

Trip to Treptower Park and Spreepark

*Are you looking for a spooktacular introduction to one of Berlin's best known haunted sites? Join Helene on a free hike to Spreepark— Berlin's infamous abandoned amusement park. We'll walk through the woods, peer through the shuttered gates of the park, and maybe even tell a ghost story or two. Afterwards, we'll emerge on the beautiful, river-front Treptower Park for a lazy afternoon. Sign up required.*

### **Monday, August 16**

9:15-10:45

L&T Session

11:00-15:00

Individual Meetings with Instructor

15:00-16:30

Special Session with Amitava Kumar (online)

19:30-21:00

Film Screening: *Paris is Burning* (Livingston, 1990)

*The first forty to sign up can attend the screening in the Lecture Hall. Alternatively, you can watch the film on your own online.*

### **Tuesday, August 17**

11:00-12:30

L&T Session

13:00-19:00

Excursion Day!

*Each group will hold an L&T session somewhere in Berlin, followed by dinner in town.*

### **Wednesday, August 18**

9:15-10:45 L&T Session  
11:00-12:30 Academic Writing Session (online)  
Afternoon Garden Activity with the Civic Engagement Team (*Sign up required*)

### **Thursday, August 19**

9:15-10:45 L&T Session  
11:00-12:30 L&T Session  
Afternoon *Your group will have a designed time for an introduction to the BCB Library.*

### **Friday, August 20**

11:00-12:30 L&T Session  
Afternoon Excursion Day!  
*Your group will hold an L&T session somewhere in Berlin.*

### **Saturday, August 21**

All day Meetings with Writing Tutors  
*Sign up for a one-on-one session with a Writing Tutor about your upcoming final essay.*  
13:00-16:00 East German Art and Culture Tour  
*Interested in history and art? Fuel your inner “Ostalgie” and join Tay in a trip around several of Berlin’s famous GDR sights. This includes a trip to the Soviet Memorial in Treptower Park and a good look at some remains of the Berlin Wall. Sign up required.*

### **Sunday, August 22**

All day Meetings with Writing Tutors  
*Sign up for a one-on-one session with a Writing Tutor about your upcoming final essay.*

**Monday, August 23**

9:15-10:45	L&T Session
11:00-12:30	L&T Session
Afternoon	Partner Session

**Tuesday, August 24**

9:15-10:45	L&T Session
11:00-12:30	L&T Session

**Wednesday, August 25**

9:15-10:45	L&T Session
11:00-12:30	L&T Session
20:00-21:00	Ninth Annual L&T Film Festival (outside Cafeteria)

*Some required orientation sessions occur on August 26 and 27.*

*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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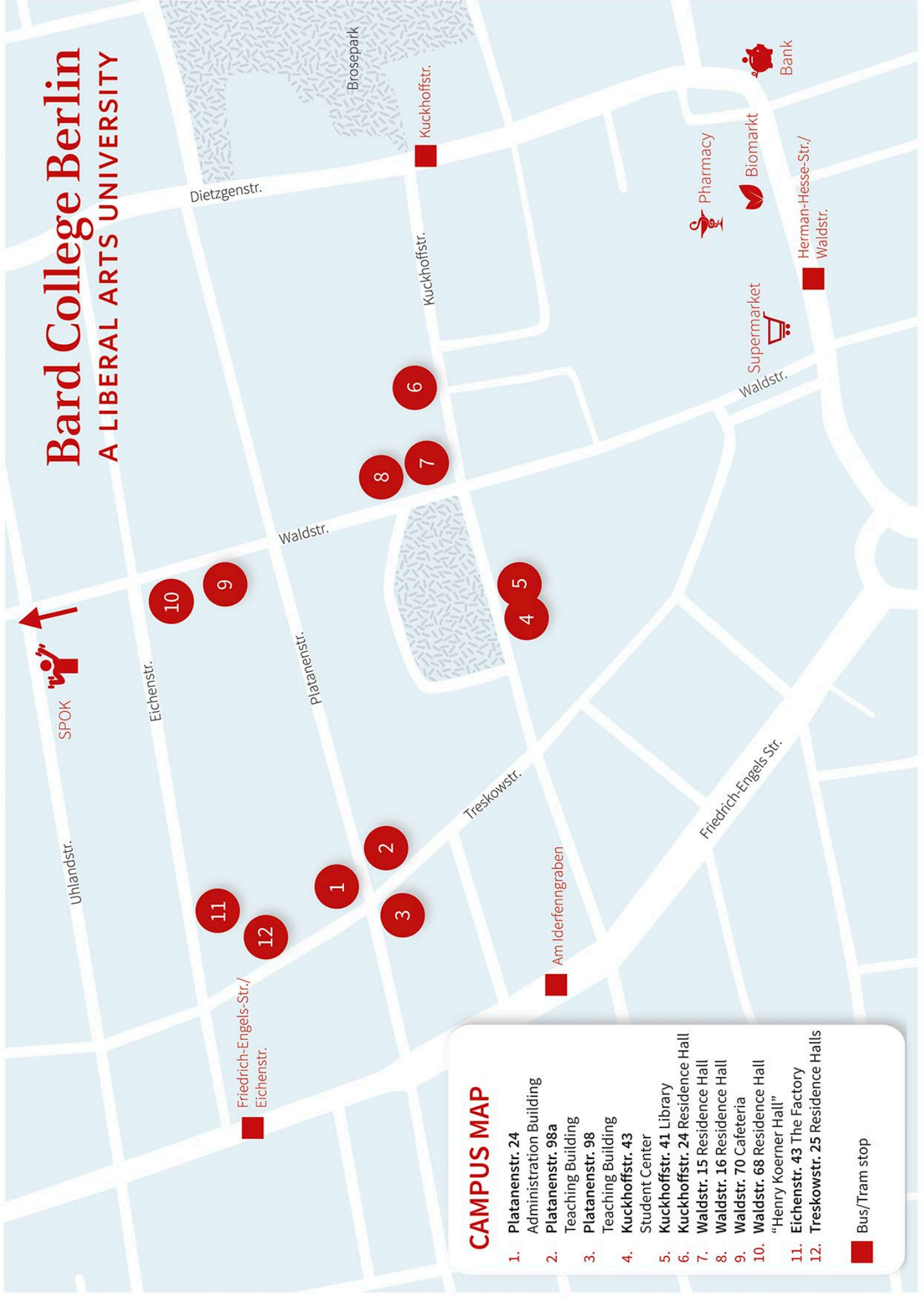
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### CAMPUS MAP

1. Platanenstr. 24 Administration Building
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4. Kuckhoffstr. 43 Student Center
5. Kuckhoffstr. 41 Library
6. Kuckhoffstr. 24 Residence Hall
7. Waldstr. 15 Residence Hall
8. Waldstr. 16 Residence Hall
9. Waldstr. 70 Cafeteria
10. Waldstr. 68 Residence Hall "Henry Koerner Hall"
11. Eichenstr. 43 The Factory
12. Treskowstr. 25 Residence Halls

 Bus/Tram stop