



# LANGUAGE AND THINKING PROGRAM

August 9 - 24, 2022



**Bard College Berlin**  
A LIBERAL ARTS UNIVERSITY

**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!

## 2022 Language and Thinking Program

All sessions of the program are required except those marked with an asterisk (\*).

### Monday, August 8

18:00-19:30	Dinner with L&T Groups
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### Tuesday, August 9

9:15-10:45	L&T Session
11:00-12:30	L&T Session
Afternoon	Collaborative Assignment #1

### Wednesday, August 10

9:15-10:45	L&T Session
11:00-12:30	L&T Session
Afternoon	Collaborative Assignment #2
19:30-21:00	Film Screening: <i>Berlin: Symphony of a Great City</i> (Ruttman, 1927) (Lecture Hall, P98A) <i>Alternatively, you can watch the film on your own online.</i>

### Thursday, August 11

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 12

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>
19:45-00:00	*Freiluftkino Night <i>Visit Sommerkino am Kulturforum to see Everything Everywhere All at Once (Kwan &amp; Scheinert, 2022). Tickets provided for those who sign up.</i>

## Saturday, August 13

13:00-16:00	*Visit to the Topography of Terror <i>Join Elena and Frosina to visit one of the remaining pieces of the Berlin Wall and an indoor/outdoor exhibition on the rise of National Socialism. Meet at the W15 Cafe to depart campus together.</i>
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## Sunday, August 14

13:00-16:00	*Street Art in Friedrichshain <i>Join Lexie for a tour of street art in one of Berlin's most vibrant neighborhoods. Meet at the W15 Cafe to depart campus together.</i>
14:00-16:00	*Meet BCB's Civic Engagement Office <i>The Civic Engagement Swap Shop (the dacha behind P24) will be open 14:00-15:00 so you can drop by and peruse items and learn about sustainable ways to source other items you may need. The second hour will be a work session in the K24 garden with mint limeade.</i>

## Monday, August 15

9:15-10:45	Individual Meetings
11:00-12:30	L&T Session
Afternoon	Collaborative Assignment #3
19:30-21:00	Film Screening: <i>Paris is Burning</i> (Livingston, 1990) (Lecture Hall, P98A) <i>Alternatively, you can watch the film on your own online.</i>

## Tuesday, August 16

11:00-12:30	L&T Session
Afternoon	Excursion Day! <i>Each group will hold an L&amp;T session somewhere in Berlin, followed by dinner in town.</i>

## Wednesday, August 17

9:15-10:45	L&T Session
11:00-12:30	Academic Writing Session (Lecture Hall, P98A)
14:00-17:00	*Excursion to Naturpark Südgelände <i>The Civic Engagement Office is sponsoring an outing to Naturpark Südgelände as a way to think about urban nature and create an opportunity to reflect on how to engage with Berlin and develop a sense of place here. Meet Ryn at the W15 Cafe.</i>

## Thursday, August 18

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

## **Friday, August 19**

11:00-12:30

L&T Session

13:15-17:30

Museum Visit

*We'll travel to the Scharf-Gerstenberg Collection to attend the Opening of the exhibition "Goya: Yo lo vi – Ich sah es – I Saw It," in collaboration with BCB's "Eine Uni Ein Buch" Project. BCB faculty member Geoff Lehman will give a lecture.*

## **Saturday, August 20**

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

\*Trip to Sommerbad Pankow

*Join Bindi for a trip to the local public swimming pool just a fifteen-minute walk from campus. Meet at the W15 Cafe to depart campus together.*

## **Sunday, 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

\*Mauerpark Flohmarkt Trip

*Join Hannah and Aapur for a trip to one of Berlin's biggest flea markets, located in the Mauerpark. Meet at the W15 Cafe to depart campus together.*

## **Monday, August 22**

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

## **Tuesday, August 23**

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

## **Wednesday, August 24**

9:15-10:45	L&T Session
11:00-12:30	L&T Session
17:30-18:30	Tenth Annual L&T Film Festival (Factory)

*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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SPOK  
Sports Center

Uhlandstr.

Eichenstr.

Dietzgenstr.

Waldstr.

Platanenstr.

Brosepark

Kuckhoffstr.

Kuckhoffstr.

Treskowstr.

Friedrich-Engels-Str.

Waldstr.

Organic Market



Pharmacy



Supermarket

Herman-Hesse-Str./  
Waldstr.



Bank

### CAMPUS MAP

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

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