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BARD COLLEGE

THE BARD NETWORK

ANNANDALE PROGRAMS

Bard College is an independent, liberal arts institution located about 90 miles north of New York City, but it is also part of a global network of educational and research institutions working in the public interest. The College operates or partners with high schools, graduate schools, and programs aimed at providing a liberal arts education to underserved communities. The establishment in 2020 of the Open Society University Network (OSUN), with Bard and Central European University as joint leaders, expands the already robust web to higher education institutions from Bangladesh to Vietnam.

Founded in 1860, Bard blends traditional liberal arts and sciences with innovation to provide real-world contexts for each major. The typical class has 16 students, and the student-to-faculty ratio is 9:1. Undergraduates can earn a bachelor of arts degree in nearly 40 academic programs in four divisions—Arts; Languages and Literature; Science, Mathematics, and Computing; Social Studies—and interdivisional fields of study. Bard also offers a double-degree BA/BS program in economics and finance and a five-year BA/BMus program through the Bard College Conservatory of Music. Dual-degree options are available through graduate programs in the Bard network. Five-year engineering programs are offered through Columbia University and Dartmouth College.

Campus Initiatives:

Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) initiates programs, fosters sustained partnerships, and supports and connects members of Bard's local, national, and international

networks as they work to make a difference in the civic life of their communities.

Students in the **Trustee Leader Scholar (TLS)** program, which is part of CCE, propose, design, and implement civic engagement projects based on their own passionate interests. Several TLS projects have gone on to become independent entities.

Brothers At Bard, an academic enrichment mentoring program for young men of color from underserved backgrounds, began as a TLS project.

Bard Early College New Orleans started as a student project to help rebuild New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

Bard's **Center for the Study of Land, Air, and Water**, a research- and community-oriented organization focused on environmental issues, includes faculty, staff, and students as well as community members from throughout the Hudson Valley.

Bard Summer Science Intensive brings students from St. Petersburg University, Russia, to Annandale for four weeks to explore an environmental topic from a scientific perspective, in tandem with English instruction to support vocabulary and language development.

Hannah Arendt Center for Politics and Humanities sponsors conferences, courses, and wide-ranging conversations. Student-led workshops, online discussions, student fellowships, and publications bring Arendt's fearless thinking to a broad audience.

West Point-Bard Initiative, which holds seminars and mixed-team debates, serves as a model of cooperation and collaboration between a liberal arts college and a service academy.

The student-initiated, 1.25-acre **Bard College Farm** grows 20,000 pounds of produce a year, most of which goes to Bard's dining facilities.

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL INITIATIVES

Bard College's educational and civic engagement initiatives extend to campuses in New York City, Baltimore, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Cleveland, and other U.S. locations. These programs consist of high schools, graduate schools, innovative partnerships with cultural institutions, and centers of specialized study that feature coursework with leading practitioners in the field. Among these diverse offerings:

Bard Prison Initiative (BPI), founded as a student project, creates opportunities for incarcerated men and women to earn a Bard College degree while serving their sentences, and supports their post-release reentry into society.

Bard Microcolleges offer tuition-free college opportunities in communities often isolated from higher education. The three-year associate degree program provides social services students may need in order to focus on college. Microcolleges are in Holyoke, Massachusetts, and Brooklyn, New York.

Bard College at Simon's Rock: The Early College, in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, is the nation's only four-year, liberal arts college for students who begin college immediately after 10th or 11th grade. **Bard Academy at Simon's Rock** is a residential early college starting in ninth grade.

Bard Early Colleges are satellite campuses embedded within public school systems, offering young people an immersive education in the liberal arts and sciences as part of a four-year, public high school program. Students are taught by college faculty and receive tuition-free college credits, up to an associate degree, from Bard College concurrently with a high school diploma. The Bard Early College network includes campuses in New York City (Manhattan and Queens); Newark, New Jersey; New Orleans, Louisiana; Cleveland, Ohio; Baltimore, Maryland; Washington, D.C.; and Hudson, New York. There is also a Bard Early College in Shenzhen, China.

Bard Globalization and International Affairs Program (BGIA), based in New York City, offers undergraduates and recent graduates advanced courses in international affairs while they work in curated internships.

Bard-Rockefeller Semester in Science, in New York City, allows selected science students—particularly in neuroscience, biochemistry, molecular and developmental biology, biophysics, and genetics—to conduct lab work with faculty at the renowned Rockefeller University and take specially designed classes at RU and with BGIA.

Bard MBA in Sustainability, one of very few graduate programs to fully integrate sustainability into a core business curriculum, is a low-residency program based in New York City.

STUDY ABROAD AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Bard is committed to providing its students with firsthand opportunities to explore global complexities. In addition to foreign language intensives in China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, and Russia, Bard facilitates study abroad opportunities at universities in Austria, Botswana, Costa Rica, Ecuador,

Egypt, France, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Nepal, the Netherlands, South Korea, and at the partner institutions listed below. Many of the partner institutions are in regions undergoing rapid political and economic transition, continuing the College's tradition of risk-taking and innovation. The **Institute for International Liberal Education (IILE)**, based on the Annandale campus, coordinates study abroad.

The **Al-Quds Bard Partnership (AQB)**, the first such collaboration between U.S. and Palestinian institutions of higher education, offers dual BA and MAT degrees at the Al-Quds Bard College for Arts and Sciences. Al-Quds Bard undergraduates may spend a semester at Bard in Annandale or BGIA in New York City. Bard students meet and engage with AQB students through debate and TLS projects.

American University of Central Asia (AUCA), a liberal arts college in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, has partnered with Bard to offer dual-degree and study abroad opportunities, including a summer practicum. Courses are taught in English.

Bard College Berlin (BCB) offers a liberal arts curriculum, in English, through BA degree programs in the humanities and social sciences. BCB gives students exposure to politics and culture through seminars and activities rooted in Berlin. Bard undergraduates may study for a year or semester in Berlin in their junior year, or Begin in Berlin, spending all of their first academic year at BCB.

Central European University (CEU) in Vienna, Austria, enables undergraduates to enroll in graduate-level courses with an international student body. Courses, taught in English, address such global issues as emerging democracies, transitional economies, media freedom, nationalism, and human rights.

Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences, St. Petersburg University (Smolny), Russia's first liberal arts program, offers a bachelor of arts degree from Bard College and a bachelor of arts and humanitarian sciences degree

from St. Petersburg University. Smolny also offers a graduate program in art criticism and in curatorial, critical, and performance studies. Undergraduates with Russian language proficiency may spend a semester or academic year at Smolny.

The **OSUN** partnership adds Brac University in Bangladesh, American University of Bulgaria, Universidad de los Andes in Colombia, Sciences Po in Paris, Ashesi University in Ghana, European Humanities University in Lithuania, Birkbeck: University of London, SOAS University of London, and Fulbright University of Vietnam to the network.

The **Program in International Education (PIE)** has brought some 600 students to Bard from 42 countries since 1991. Originally focused on Eastern and Central Europe, Russia, and the former Yugoslavia, PIE now includes the countries of Central Asia and students from Bard partnerships abroad. PIE students spend a semester at Bard.

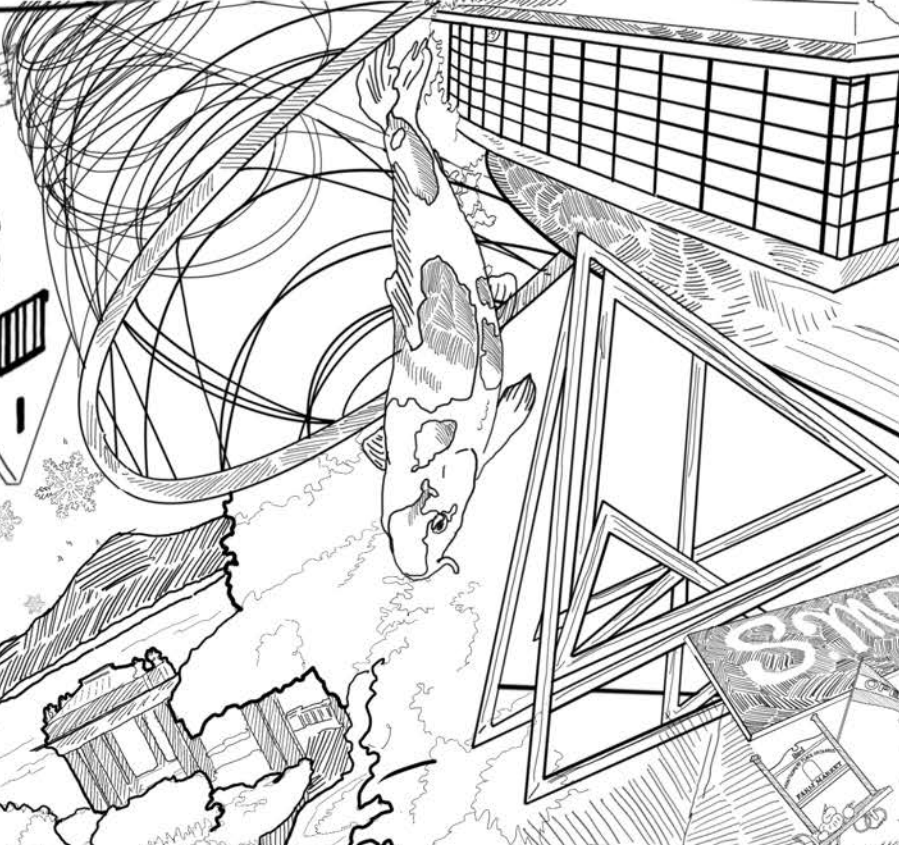
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