Study abroad via tuition exchange at Bard College.
“The exchange reinstilled in me a passion for reading and writing while giving me the technical knowledge and confidence to go out and create new work. The professors, facilities, and campus grounds are all of a high standard. I hope to build on my time at Bard and to continue learning and sharing knowledge through academic and photographic work.”

—CJ Chandler, Hochschule für bildende Künste Hamburg, Germany, fall 2019
Location

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Located about 90 miles north of New York City in the beautiful Hudson River Valley, Bard College is a unique, welcoming liberal arts and sciences institution with approximately 1,800 undergraduates from across the United States and more than 40 foreign countries. The campus consists of three historic estates on nearly 1,000 acres of fields, orchards, and woodlands overlooking the Hudson River and Catskill Mountains, where students live, work, and relax in buildings of varied architectural styles, from the 19th-century buildings of Stone Row to the cutting-edge science and performing arts facilities designed by Rafael Viñoly and Frank Gehry.
Faculty and Academics

Students who study at Bard via tuition exchange select courses from nearly 40 academic programs in four divisions—Arts; Languages and Literature; Science, Mathematics, and Computing; and Social Studies—and Interdivisional Programs such as Human Rights, Environmental and Urban Studies, and American Studies. Classes are small, typically fewer than 20 students, and are taught by Bard professors, not by graduate students or teaching assistants. Bard’s distinguished faculty are dedicated to the philosophy of teaching and are leaders in their fields, including classicist and social critic Daniel Mendelsohn, renowned writers Neil Gaiman and Francine Prose, economist Pavlina R. Tcherneva, and photographers Stephen Shore and An-My Lê.
“The professors are very knowledgeable, and take the time to help you in any way they can. What I really enjoyed was the personal guidance from faculty to get the best out of yourself academically and make you feel at home.”

— Roosmarijn Klopper, University College Roosevelt, Middelburg, Netherlands, fall 2019
Campus Life

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Tuition exchange students are guaranteed housing in one of more than 40 student residences (all with Wi-Fi, social rooms, kitchens, and free laundry facilities). They are welcomed into all aspects of campus life, from yoga classes at the athletics center to joining one of the more than 150 student-run clubs on campus, including the Bard Debate Union, Surrealist Circus, Robotics Club, Bard Canoe Club, and the International Student Organization. Students can also get involved with the Bard College Farm, the Office of Sustainability and its initiatives, and attend Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim services and celebrations, among others, offered by the Center for Spiritual Life.
Civic Engagement
cce.bard.edu

The Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) at Bard supports, coordinates, and promotes a wide array of institutional and student initiatives. CCE strives to inspire students to take action, develop a sense of agency, and encourage creative application of language, arts, and sciences in public life. Exchange students can become involved in student-led initiatives that partner with local schools and social service organizations, and be inspired and guided in establishing similar programs at their home institutions. Civic engagement offers an excellent way to become involved with the local community and learn about American life.
“With the sudden shift to online learning and my early return to Egypt, I’m happy to say that all my Bard professors were understanding and supportive, and together, we managed to finish our work. During my time at Bard, I got to enjoy the nature part of campus—random sightings of deer and chipmunks made my day. I also volunteered at the local YMCA, watched plays, attended club events, and made friends from different parts of the world.”

—Fatima Ibrahim Ahmed, American University in Cairo, Egypt, spring 2020.
Bard Globalization and International Affairs Program, New York City

bgia.bard.edu

Exchange students may also choose to study at the Bard Globalization and International Affairs (BGIA) Program, which provides a unique opportunity to take advanced courses in international affairs, combined with internships based on individual interests—all while experiencing the vibrancy of life in Manhattan. BGIA students study with scholar practitioners of international law, international relations theory, global public health, political economy, international reporting, and other aspects of international affairs. Recent internships have included Oxford Analytica, CNN, Human Rights Watch, Rooftop Films, and Malaria No More. Tuition exchange students must be nominated for BGIA by their home institution and complete the tuition exchange application, indicating their desire to study at BGIA. Full-year exchange students may opt for a term at Bard as well as one at BGIA.
How to Apply

To study at Bard College or BGIA via tuition exchange, you must first be nominated by your home institution’s study abroad office. The online application link and instructions are then sent to nominated students by Bard’s study abroad adviser. Application deadlines follow; please note that your study abroad office may require an internal application with earlier deadlines. For more information, ask your study abroad office for a copy of the current Fact Sheet from Bard.
Important Dates

Fall Semester (late August through late December)
Academic Year (late August through late May)
Application Deadline: March 15

Spring Semester (late January through late May)
Application Deadline: October 15

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