Bard College’s tuition exchange program offers students from partner institutions the opportunity to study for a semester or year at Bard College and/or in New York City at the Bard Globalization and International Affairs Program.

**BARD COLLEGE**  
**BARD.EDU**  
Bard College is an independent, residential college located about 90 miles north of New York City in the beautiful Hudson River Valley. Founded in 1860, Bard blends traditional liberal arts and sciences with innovation and opportunities for civic engagement. The campus consists of three historic estates on nearly 1,000 acres of fields, orchards, and woodlands overlooking the Hudson and the Catskill Mountains, where students live, work, and relax in buildings of varied architectural styles. With approximately 1,800 undergraduates from across the United States and more than 40 foreign countries, the typical class has 16 students, with a student-to-faculty ratio of 10:1. Visiting exchange students can select classes 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.

**BARD GLOBALIZATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM**  
**BGIA.BARD.EDU**  
The Bard Globalization and International Affairs (BGIA) Program provides a unique opportunity for students 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.
ACADEMIC TERMS
Bard College operates on a semester basis (fall and spring). Tuition exchange students may attend one semester or a full academic year at Bard or BGIA, depending on the memorandum of agreement between Bard and their home institution. Full-year students may also apply to spend one semester at Bard and one at BGIA. To view the current academic calendar, visit Bard.edu/academics/calendar.

LEVEL OF STUDY
Undergraduate only

ACADEMICS

LINKS TO PROGRAMS AND COURSE LISTS
Bard College Main Campus
bard.edu/academics/programs
inside.bard.edu/academic/courses/current
BGIA Program in New York City
bgia.bard.edu/academics
bgia.bard.edu/academics/courses

RESTRICTED SUBJECT AREAS
Exchange students may not take any Bard College Conservatory of Music courses or foreign language intensives.

COURSE LOAD/FULL-TIME STATUS
A normal semester course load at Bard/BGIA is 16 credits. Exchange students must maintain a minimum of 12 credits to remain in compliance with J-1 visa regulations.
ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

All courses at Bard and BGIA are taught in English. To demonstrate proficiency, applicants can take one of three tests*: TOEFL®, with a score of at least 600 (paper-based) or 100 (internet-based); IELTS™, with a band score of no less than seven; or Duolingo English Test with a score of no less than 120. *Contact Trish Fleming if the cost of these tests is prohibitive to a prospective student or if a student’s scores are lower and they agree to take Intensive ESL and a reduced course load while at Bard (lower scores are not allowed at BGIA).

ACCOMMODATION
Guaranteed (and mandatory) dormitory placement

PROGRAM COSTS
Tuition exchange students pay tuition to their home institution and are then billed by Bard for room/board, fees, and health insurance. See below for current costs.*

BARD COLLEGE
bard.edu/studentaccounts/fees
Students should refer to Returning Resident column, and divide in half for the cost of a single semester.

BGIA PROGRAM
bgia.bard.edu/admission/tuition
*Additional costs to students include SEVIS and J-1 visa fees, airfare to/from JFK Airport, books/school supplies, personal expenses, and travel within the United States.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Students may use their own government or foundation scholarships to offset the cost of study. Bard College does not offer scholarships to exchange students.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE
Students must be nominated by their home institution for study at Bard. The partner institution provides Bard’s study abroad adviser with name, major, and email address of nominated students at least two weeks in advance of application deadline. The adviser then emails students directly with the tuition exchange online application link and instructions.