

Bard College

Matriculation Experience Guidebook

**Expectations, Schedules, and Resources for
the Language and Thinking Program (L&T)
and First Year Orientation to Bard**

August 2026

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The Center for Student Life and Advising

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Bard College, we welcome you to Bard College and your Matriculation Experience. At the core is the 46th annual Language and Thinking Program, a unique, three-week intensive exploration of critical, creative, and analytical texts. To supplement your classroom experience, we have developed a series of orientation programs and activities designed to help you to explore the campus, become familiar with the College's resources, get to know one another, and begin your life at Bard. This guidebook contains a detailed schedule of these activities and programs. If you have any questions about what you see here, or if you are looking for something and do not find it, ask your Peer Counselor (PC).

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For more specific information about campus services and policies, please consult the [student handbook online](#), ask your PC, call or stop by:

Center for Student Life and Advising
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We look forward to getting to know you.

2026 Welcome from the Director of L&T

Welcome to Bard!

My name is erica kaufman, and I am the director of the Bard College Language and Thinking Program (L&T). I am writing to introduce myself and to tell you about some of the work that we will be doing together in August.

Before you arrive in Annandale, you should purchase and read Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. We request that you read the Penguin edition of the 1818 Text (ISBN-13: 978-0143131847). Please bring the book with you to Bard.

Mary Shelley was 18 when she began writing *Frankenstein*, and the first edition was published in London in 1818 when she was 20. Of course, we are reading this novel in 2026, in a context quite different from Mary Shelley's. However, *Frankenstein* asks many questions that continue to resonate—questions about science and technology; creation and accountability; knowledge and power. Just because we, as humans, can create something, should we? Who takes responsibility for that creation? What does it mean to be human? These are just a few of many exciting avenues for inquiry Shelley's novel of ideas sparks. I encourage you to read *Frankenstein* actively and playfully—you will write with and through the text in August in the company of your peers.

Besides Shelley, much of our work in August will be centered around the Language and Thinking Anthology, which is a collection of texts that you will receive from your instructor on the first day of the program. This year's Anthology engages with the question, "What is Freedom?"—a theme that is both timely and timeless and that encourages us to think expansively across histories and languages. What does freedom make possible, and how might it constrain? As July 4, 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Declaration of Independence, a document that describes ideals of liberty and equality, we will also engage directly with different historical conceptions of freedom, exploring how definitions of freedom have changed over time. Moving across art and music, literature and philosophy, politics and science, we will also consider how freedom operates in everyday life, artistic expression, civic experience, and self-understanding. The writers in our Anthology (Robin Wall Kimmerer, Eleanor Roosevelt, Ralph Ellison, Hannah Arendt, and Franz Kafka, among many others) grapple with this question in a myriad of ways.

This year as part of L&T you will attend performances by the internationally renowned Bard Music Festival, which will explore the fascinating world of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. You'll attend a weekend performance of *The Abduction from the Seraglio*, one of Mozart's early and widely popular operas. This experience will extend the thinking we do in our workshops by raising questions about how we listen and how we find meaning in various kinds of texts, both written and aural.

Throughout our work together in the Language and Thinking Program, we will read actively, experiment with writing in various forms, create and perform new work in collaboration, and think with and listen to each other. We might also write a few ghost stories, as Mary Shelley once did with a couple of friends, with surprising results.

I look forward to meeting all of you in August. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. I can be reached by email at kaufman@bard.edu.

Best wishes,

erica kaufman, PhD

Director of the Language and Thinking Program

2026 Expectations

Satisfactory completion of the Language and Thinking Program is required for all students. Students who fail to meet this requirement will be placed on a leave of absence for the academic year. To complete the Language and Thinking Program, you must:

- **Attend all Language and Thinking class sessions.** Attendance is mandatory. This is a short, intensive program, and your presence matters for both your own work and the group.
- **Participate fully in all program activities.** This includes being on time for workshops and other required events. This also includes completion of all assignments (reading and writing); punctual attendance for Rostrum events, films, individual conferences, and readings; and any other assigned work. Participating fully also means no cell phone use during program events.
- **Complete all writing assignments.** This includes free writes, revisions, the final essay, and other assigned work.
- **Abide by the College's policies on academic honesty as outlined in the Student Handbook.**

Students at risk of failure will be contacted by the director and/or associate director of the Language and Thinking Program. Students who fail the program will be notified before the end of the Language and Thinking Program.

The L&T Attendance Policy

L&T is a short, intensive program, and much of our work happens during class sessions in person. It is very difficult to make up work that depends on the learning community of your class. Thus, attendance is mandatory.

We do understand that things happen that might make missing class unavoidable. There are no excused absences, but the following policies are in place just in case extenuating circumstances arise.

- **Illness:** If you miss class due to illness, you must provide documentation from Health Services. This should be sent to your Dean.
- **Communicate Early:** If you must miss class for any reason, you are responsible for emailing your instructor and Dean in a timely manner.
- **Seek Support:** Reasons such as anxiety, homesickness, or feeling overwhelmed are real and important—and they are not, on their own, valid reasons to miss class. Support is available, and you are expected to seek it while continuing to participate. If something is affecting your ability to attend or participate, communicate early so we can connect you to the support you need.

Artificial Intelligence - Large Language Models

The proliferation of AI compels stewards of the liberal arts tradition to make the values that define our pedagogy clear to students. At the heart of the Language and Thinking Program is the belief that writing is not merely a tool for recording fully formed thoughts but a practice for discovering, shaping, and exploring them; L&T exists not only to teach the craft of writing but to cultivate an intellectual climate in which self-inquiry through reading and writing is celebrated as one of the joys of the human condition. While AI may serve legitimate purposes in other contexts—as thought-partners for reading, metacognition, or creative expression—L&T is rooted in the belief that the process of writing is inseparable from the product that emerges. Students who bypass this process by using AI to generate text remove themselves from the community of writers we build together and fail to engage with the central mission of the Language and Thinking Program. Any student who uses AI during L&T to generate writing—including freewrites or the final essay—will fail the program.

Workshop Schedule

Language and Thinking workshops meet:

	Monday + Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday + Friday
Session 1	9:00–10:30 am	9:00–10:30 am	9:00–10:30 am

Session 2	11:00 am – 12:30 pm	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Session 3	2:00–3:30 pm	—————	2:00–3:30 pm

Required Summer Reading

- **Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein: The 1818 Text*** (Penguin).

2026 Rostrum Series Speakers

[♦] designates a mandatory, cohort-wide Rostrum - only the Saturday Music Festival rehearsal is mandatory

Thursday, August 13

Poetry's Zones of Freedom, Professor Jenny Zie

2:00–3:30 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)

*"It is a function of poetry to locate those zones inside us that would be free, and declare them so," wrote the poet and translator C.D. Wright. As a medium, what relationship might poetry bear to freedom? Relatedly, could a poem act as a bulwark against the loss of certain freedoms? How might the breaking of a line, the explosive energies of silences planted on the page, or the refusal of narrative enclosure engender a sense of possibility that comes from the release of various pressures? I will ground this discussion on poetry and its zones of freedom by reflecting on—and reading from—my most recent poetry collection *The Rupture Tense*, and by thinking through how poems from the book found their animating energies and imaginative structures.*

Jenny Xie is an assistant professor in written arts at Bard. She is the author of two poetry collections, *Eye Level* (Graywolf Press, 2018) and *The Rupture Tense* (Graywolf Press, 2022), and the chapbook *Nowhere to Arrive* (Northwestern University Press, 2017). She teaches a spectrum of courses in poetry at Bard, including classes on ekphrastic poetry, identifying and emulating poetic style, poetry in the time of crisis, and Asian American poetics.

Friday, August 14

An Introduction to Mozart and His World, Professor Christopher H. Gibbs and Professor Karen Barkey

11:00–12:30 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)

*Wolfgang Amadé Mozart (1756-91) is among the most celebrated and recognized names in classical music. More has been written about his career and music, more myths spun about his childhood, personality, and death, more films made about his life or using his music, than of any other composer. The "Immortal Mozart," as the teenage Franz Schubert called him, changed the musical soundscape of Western music and his compositions have long served as a standard of perfection. He excelled in every genre—keyboard, vocal, chamber, orchestral, religious, dramatic music and more. His works form the foundation of the current classical music repertoire in both the concert hall and the opera house. This rostrum will explore Mozart's supreme achievement by placing him within his historical context of the politics and Enlightenment thought of the 18th century in the Habsburg Empire under Maria Theresia and her son Joseph II, who introduced liberal reforms moving toward greater freedom. There will be a particular emphasis on his comic German opera *Die Entführung aus dem Serail* (*The Abduction from the Seraglio*, 1782). All first-year students will attend the final dress rehearsal of this semi-staged work on Saturday morning August 15.*

Christopher H. Gibbs is the James H. Ottaway Jr. Professor of Music at Bard College, Co-Artistic Director of the Bard Music Festival, and Executive Editor of *The Musical Quarterly*. He is a leading authority on the life and music of Franz Schubert and is Vice-Chair of the Schubert Research Center in Vienna at the Austrian Academy of Sciences. Gibbs edited *The Cambridge Companion to Schubert* (1997) and is the author of *The Life of Schubert* (2000), which has been translated into five languages. He co-edited *Franz Schubert and His World* (2014) and *Franz Liszt and His World* (2006), and is the co-author, with Richard Taruskin, of *The Oxford History of Western Music, College Edition* (2013; revised 2018, 2026). Gibbs won the Berlin Prize in 2022 and was the Anna-Maria Kellen Fellow at the American Academy in Berlin. He is a recipient of the ASCAP-Deems Taylor Award and was a fellow of the American Council of Learned Societies. For the past

twenty-six seasons, he has been the program annotator and musicological advisor for the Philadelphia Orchestra and writes regularly for the New York Philharmonic and other leading orchestras.

Karen Barkey is the Charles Theodore Kellogg and Bertie K. Hawver Kellogg Chair of Sociology and Religion at Bard College and a visiting scholar at the Max Weber Institute, Heidelberg University. Her book *Empire of Difference* (2008) explores religious coexistence, toleration within the general framework of empire, and state transformation. She has curated two exhibition projects in Thessaloniki and New York, which produced two coedited books: *Shared Sacred Sites* (2018) and *Shared Sacred Sites in the Balkans and the Mediterranean* (2018). *Choreography of Sacred Spaces: State, Religion and Conflict Resolution* (2014; coedited with Elazar Barkan) explores the history of shared religious spaces in three regions once under Ottoman rule: the Balkans, Anatolia, and Palestine/Israel. She has also published *Negotiating Democracy and Religious Pluralism* (2021) with Sudipta Kaviraj and Vatsal Naresh. Her latest work is *The Handbook for Religious Toleration* (2025; with Jonathan Laurence). She is writing a book on religious pluralism in the Mediterranean.

The Bard Prison Initiative and the Future of the Liberal Arts, 2:00 pm–3:30 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)

What differences do freedom, and unfreedom, make for the pursuit of a college education? What can incarcerated students teach their non-incarcerated peers about what it means to be a serious undergraduate thinker, writer, and scholar? How should students of the humanities reimagine their work in an era of mass incarceration? Begun in 1999 by then-Bard student Max Kenner, the Bard Prison Initiative is the largest program of its kind in the United States. BPI enrolls nearly 300 incarcerated men and women across a full spectrum of academic disciplines and offers over 70 courses each semester. To date, there are nearly 450 Bard College alumni who have received degrees through BPI. This panel will feature four distinguished BPI graduates reflecting on their experiences as incarcerated liberal arts students.

Nikko A. Vaughn is the Associate Director of Education Programs, Persistence, and Student Success at the Bard Prison Initiative, a joint position with the CUNY Baccalaureate for Interdisciplinary Studies (CUNY BA) at the CUNY Graduate Center. He supports adult learners through all stages of the college application process, from program selection to financial aid, using a holistic approach to college counseling. Nikko holds a degree in Political Theory and History from Bard College, and previously taught Mathematics, Social Studies, and Writing in BPI TASC, a pre-college program he helped launch in 2016. He has also helped develop mentoring and tutoring initiatives with organizations including the Brownsville Community Justice Center and the Harlem Children's Zone. As a BPI graduate himself, he is now dedicated to using his experiences and spreading the message about the importance of education.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS TBA

Saturday, August 15

Die Entführung aus dem Serail: A Bard Music Festival Rehearsal

9:45 am - 1:30 pm • Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts, Sosnoff Theater

Each summer on the weekends during L&T, Bard hosts an internationally recognized music festival that draws performers, scholars, and audience members from around the world to our campus. The Bard Music Festival has become so prominent over the past 36 years that it is sometimes referred to as the college's football team. The Festival's early success inspired supporters to build it a proper home—a stadium—which led to the Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts. The Festival focuses on the life and music of a different composer each year and this summer will explore the world of Wolfgang Amadé Mozart (1756–91).

In this Rostrum, students will attend a rehearsal for a concert titled “Too Beautiful,” a quote attributed Emperor Joseph II about Mozart’s comic German opera *Die Entführung aus dem Serail* (The Abduction from the Seraglio, 1782), the most performed of his operas during his lifetime. Students are invited to attend the final dress rehearsal of this semi-staged work on Saturday morning August 15, with Leon Botstein conducting the American Symphony Orchestra. All L&T students can attend Bard Music Festival concerts for free if tickets are available. Information about programming and schedules is available at <https://fishercenter.bard.edu/what-we-do/bard-music-festival/>.

Monday, August 17

A World of Unfreedom, Professor Yarran Hominh

2:00 - 3:30 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)

People talk a lot about freedom. After all, it's one of "our" most cherished political ideals, something that "we" have, and "others" don't. Others want to take our freedom, and it must thus be defended. Yet the very ordinary experience of most people around the world is not one of freedom, but of constraint, incapacity, powerlessness - in a word, unfreedom. What might we learn about our world, and about ourselves, by focusing not on ideals of freedom, as beautiful as they may be, but on the forms of unfreedom that we live each and every day? Here are a couple of things we might come to see. One, unfreedom is systemic. The specific unfreedoms we all experience are connected, part of a global system of unfreedom. Two, unfreedom is self-stabilizing. It locks itself in place. And these, together, pose us a problem: in a world of unfreedom, how might we become free?

Yarran Hominh is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Bard College, working in social and political philosophy, and philosophy of race. They are writing a book tentatively titled *The Problem of Unfreedom*. Yarran teaches courses on global philosophical traditions, philosophy and dance, human nature, dreams and dreaming, colonialism, and many other things.

Tuesday, August 18

AI: What It Does (and Doesn't) Do, Professor Theresa Law

11:00 am - 12:30 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)

Is AI new? How do machine learning models (like ChatGPT) generate answers? Why do these models have the limitations that they do? This talk will step through a high level overview of how popular AI models today work, and why that methodology leads to commonly seen problems like AI hallucinations. We will also consider how AI relates to the practice of writing.

Theresa Law is an assistant professor in the computer science program. She received her PhD in Computer Science and Cognitive Science from Tufts University in 2023, where she focused on human-robot interaction. She is interested in how we apply concepts like mindedness to robots, and teaches classes on robotics, cognitive science, and human-robot interaction.

Thursday, August 20

How We See Is What We Get: Representation and Selfhood, Professor Nayland Blake

11:00 am - 12:30 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)

Making any art is an act of radical self assertion. When that art moves into the public sphere, it is caught up in notions of “representation”: “What point of view does this represent?” “Is this a good representation of my community?” Using examples from my own experiences as an artist and curator, I will be talking about why I feel

that the problem of representation is one that can stop us from understanding what is at stake in our encounters with art, both as makers and viewers.

Nayland Blake (they/them) is a queer nonbinary artist, writer, educator and curator, whose works on race, sexuality and gender have been exhibited throughout the United States and Europe. Their career retrospective “No Wrong Holes - 30 years of Nayland Blake” opened in 2019 at the Institute for Contemporary Art, Los Angeles and closed in 2021 at the MIT List Center. They are the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship. They are the author of “My Studio is the Dungeon Is a Studio: collected writings and interviews”, published in 2025. They are currently the co-director of the studio art program at Bard College, and serve on the board of VisualAIDS

Friday, August 21

Constitution and Discipline, Professors Katie Tabb, Rob Cioffi, Roosevelt Montás

11:00 am - 12:30 pm • Franklin W. Olin Humanities Building, Olin Auditorium

Join the Bard College First Year Seminar co-directors to discuss the U.S. Constitution from three interdisciplinary perspectives: Classics, Literature, and Philosophy. The aim of the session is to allow students to reflect on what we mean by “discipline” -- what does it mean to discipline ourselves to think or act in a certain way, or to see a certain text as belonging to a certain discipline? What does it mean to pick a discipline as a student at Bard College? How does “discipline” contribute to the “constitution” of something -- of a nation-state, or of a self? Students will also be invited to reflect on how they can draw upon “canonical” texts like the Constitution to reflect upon civics and civic responsibility within their own lives, a theme that will be explored in this year's First Year Seminar.

Katie Tabb is an assistant professor of philosophy, and is affiliated with human rights and experimental humanities. She teaches history and philosophy of science and medicine, focusing particularly on classes relating to mental illness and mental health. She is also writing a book about John Locke.

Rob Cioffi teaches in Classical Studies, Literature, and History. The first class he taught at Bard College was a section of First-Year Seminar, and he's very much looking forward to helping to lead a program that shaped his experience of Bard. His research focuses on the relationship between ancient Greek literature and ancient Egypt, which was the subject of his first book, *Egypt, Ethiopia, and the Greek Novel*. He sometimes writes for the *London Review of Books* and the *New York Times Book Review*. In January, he can be found excavating in Hermopolis Magna in Middle Egypt. During the rest of the year, he is the McWilliams House Professor.

Roosevelt Montás was born in the Dominican Republic and immigrated to the United States as a teenager. He attended public schools in New York City (Queens) and then Columbia University, where he completed a Ph.D. in English and Comparative Literature. Roosevelt is the founding director of Bard's Chang Chavkin Center for Liberal Education and Civic Life and author of *Rescuing Socrates: How the Great Books Changed My Life and Why They Matter for a New Generation*. He specializes in American political thought and literature.

Traditional Plant Medicines from the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans Tribe that grow here on campus, their original homelands Misty Cook (Davids)

2:00 - 3:30 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)

Misty Cook will speak with students about the history, gathering, drying, preserving, using and identification of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans Tribal Traditional Natural Medicines that grow on the Bard Campus. This rostrum will emphasize the importance of the land and nature on campus, the ways in which it supports the Mohican community in all ways helping Indigenous stewards of place to acknowledge how the land sustains us. Sponsored by Bard College Center for Indigenous Studies, this rostrum affords incoming students the opportunity to engage more fully with placemaking and rethinking of place from their earliest weeks at the college.

Misty Cook (Davids), M.S., is the author of *Medicine Generations, Natural Native American Medicines Traditional to the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans Tribe*. Cook studied these medicines for over seven years to complete this book, enjoying every minute of it. This includes searching for them, identification, gathering, drying, preservation for use throughout the year, preparation and having them available for those who need them. She is also a cultural consultant with a masters in management providing diversity training on many topics including Native American students in education, Native American history, Native American games, and of course, Medicines.

Faculty and Classrooms

Section	Faculty	Classroom
1	Abby Crain	Olin 107
2	Andrea Quaid	Olin 201
3	Andrew Atwell	Olin 202
4	Anna Dolan	Olin 302
5	Carolina Gomez-Montoya	Olin 204
6	Christopher Wall	Olin 205
7	David Ungvary	Olin 301
8	David Richardson	Olin 303
9	Emma Murdock	Olin 304
10	Ethan Fortuna	Olin 101
11	Felix Bernstein	Olin 305
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13	Jillian Pena	Hegeman 102
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18	Mary Grace Williams	Reem Kayden Center 111
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21	Paul Festa	Henderson Comp. Center 101A
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23	Robin Tremblay-McGaw	Reem Kayden Center 100
24	Seth Halvorson	Hegeman 106
25	Stephen Cope	Hegeman 200
26	Suzanne Schulz	Hegeman 201
27	Ursula Embola	Hegeman 204
28	Wally Suphap	Hegeman 300
29	William Alba	Hegeman 308
30	Xhosa Frazier	Reem Kayden Center 102
31	William Martin	Olin Languages Center 120
32	Nicole Caso	Reem Kayden Center 200
33	Gregory Moynahan	Olin 203
34	Antonio Ortiz	Reem Kayden Center 101
35	Jeszack Gammon	Albee 106
T1	John Burns	Center 208
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T3	Rachel Cavell	Center 206
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T5	Jane Smith	Campus Center North 102
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B2	Matthew Longabucco	Olin Languages Center 118

Student Resources

Health and Counseling Services

845-758-7433

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Bard Health and Counseling Services are located in the Robbins House Annex.

Health Services appointments can be scheduled online at bard.medicatconnect.com or by calling the office.

Same or next day appointments are usually available.

To request a Counseling appointment, please visit: www.bard.edu/counseling/appointments.

Hours for both Counseling and Health Services are: Monday–Friday, 9 am – 5 pm

In case of an emergency outside of these hours, please call Security at 845-758-7777.

BRAVE 24-7 Emergency Peer Counseling

Call Security at 845-758-7777 and ask to speak to a BRAVE counselor.

www.bard.edu/brave

Health and Wellness Education

The Bard Health & Wellness Education Department coordinates engaging, student-centered, peer-to-peer programs, resources, and educational opportunities that promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Our team of Peer Health Educators create fun, interactive experiences that encourage healthy choices, build community, and empower students to develop wellness habits while thriving at Bard and beyond.

Learn more: hcw.bard.edu/wellness

Become a Bard Peer Health Educator

Interested in promoting health, supporting your peers, and making a positive impact on campus? Join the Bard Peer Health Educators team and help create a healthier campus community.

Learn more and apply: hcw.bard.edu/wellness/peer-educators

Office of Student Activities (OSA)

Get involved! Become a leader! Join a club!

Learn more at Student Activities: studentactivities.bard.edu

Follow us on Instagram: @bard_osa

Visit us on the second floor of the Bertelsmann Campus Center 218.

David Ferguson, Assistant Dean and Director

Marissa Theriault, Assistant Director

Richanna Lindo, Assistant Director

Disability Access Services

Bard College strives to create an accessible and welcoming campus community for all students with disabilities. Students who may require particular accommodations to ensure access should register with Disability Access Services (DAS). DAS utilizes an interactive process to determine accommodations, including documentation and information gathering through direct communication with individual students.

To start our process or schedule a conversation, please complete our [registration form](#). Information about the office and accommodations at Bard can be found on the Disability Access Services [website](#).

845-758-7532 | disabilityservices@bard.edu | Olin 106

Career Development Office (CDO)

Campus Center 201

Office Hours: 9 am – 5 pm, Monday–Friday

Bard CDO helps students connect their skills, interests, and values, and experiences to internships and post-graduate positions. We provide a number of helpful resources, meeting one-on-one in individual appointments with students.

In mid-summer you will receive an email from Handshake (our online job board) asking you to log in and complete your profile.

Completing your profile on Handshake will be important so that you can be identified for your interest areas.

The Bard CDO and the Office of Student Employment will hold an Online On-Campus Job Fair on Tuesday, August 25, at 4:00-5:15 pm, to hear from on-campus employers about their open positions.

Zoom link is provided in this guide.

On-campus jobs will be posted on Handshake by the end of August and early September.

To view jobs select “Jobs,” in Handshake and then “All filters,” and then click on the “On-Campus” tab.

Questions? Email cdo@bard.edu or call 845-758-7189.

The Learning Commons

The Learning Commons is Bard’s writing, learning, and academic resources center.

Visit us to make an appointment, bring in whatever L&T writing you have, at any stage of drafting, and meet with one of our trained peer tutors for a writing conference in our friendly, socially-structured space.

Your peers will revise with you in a collaborative spirit. Sessions typically last one hour each.

We are located in the back of Stone Row— in the Courtyard across from Old Henderson Computer Labs.

During L&T, the Learning Commons will be open to make appointments: Monday– Friday 11am – 9pm

Drop-in tutoring hours run Wednesday, August 12 through Tuesday, August 25: Sunday-Friday 5–9pm (Thursdays 5–7pm only); Saturday 2–4pm

* Extra tutors will be available August 22, 23, and 24.

Stevenson Library

Library Hours during L&T:

Mon–Thu 8 am – 10 pm, Fri 8 am – 5 pm, Sat 12–5 pm, Sun 12–10 pm

Regular semester hours resume Monday, August 31.

See our website (bard.edu/library) for hours and events.

Events during L&T:

Open House at Stevenson Library

Friday, August 7, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Stop by Stevenson Library to meet the librarians, get a personal tour of the building, and scope out your favorite study spots! Snacks, activities for siblings, & more!

Interactive Library Tours

All Language and Thinking classes will visit the Library for an interactive tour and orientation.

You will receive information about this from your L&T instructor.

Bard Dining

Dining is an essential part of the Bard College student experience, providing the fuel students need for academic, social, and athletic success and serving as hubs for building community around the table. Quality is at the core of what we do, ensuring satisfying meal experiences that are fresh, creative, seasonal, and made-from-scratch. We are thrilled to have you dine with us!

Our Dining Team takes great efforts to ensure convenience and variety, including options for those with food allergies and dietary needs. Sustainable dining initiatives are an intrinsic part of our campus community, from local sourcing to composting. Give input and get involved through the [BardEATS](#) student-led sustainability organization and Dining Committee.

Inquire about our reusable container program, available at Kline only. Check out our table at the Resource Fair for more information. .

Executive Chef Smith and the Bard Dining Team are here to support you!

See what we've been cooking up on Instagram: [@barddining](#)

See menus and contact information on our website: <https://barddining.nutrislice.com/>

845-758-7345 | Dining Services Office in Kline Commons

BardEats @[bardeats](#) and the website <https://www.bard.edu/bardeats/>

Office of the Dean of Inclusive Excellence

The Dean of Inclusive Excellence acts as the primary contact for students, staff, and faculty in promoting an inclusive campus climate. The Dean's Office presents events and programming, coordinates training, and convenes the Council for Inclusive Excellence. ODIE also oversees the Bard Student Relief Fund, the First Gen Network, as well as the Truth & Transformation Center.

Check out our website: bard.edu/inclusive-excellence

Follow us [@bardinclusiveexcellence](#) on Instagram. Visit us at Kappa House Office 102.

Claudette Aldebot, Dean of Inclusive Excellence

Haron Atkinson, Assistant Director of Inclusive Excellence

Office of Alumni/ae Affairs

The Office of Alumni/ae Affairs is a resource for *all* Bard students. The team in the Office of Alumni/ae Affairs can connect you to Bard alumni/ae for mentorship, career guidance, and professional advice. The Office of Alumni/ae Affairs cohosts events for students throughout the year and the Affinity Group program invites students to meet alumni/ae with mutual interests.

Check out the Alumni/ae Affairs website: alums.bard.edu

Follow us [@bardalumni](https://www.instagram.com/bardalumni) on Instagram. #bardianandproud

Make an appointment to visit us by emailing alumni@bard.edu, or just stop by the Anne Cox Chambers Alumni/ae Center (just across 9G).

Debra Pemstein, Vice President for Development and Alumni/ae Affairs

Jane Brien '89, Director of Alumni/ae Affairs; Catherine Susser, Associate Director;

Tyler Williams '19 MAT '21, Assistant Director; Teresa Mandrin, Alumni/ae Engagement Associate

The Math Placement

The Math Placement is the beginning of your mathematical journey at Bard. It's online, and it helps place you into the most appropriate math and science courses according to your skills and knowledge.

All incoming students are required to complete Bard's online Math Placement prior to registration.

If you have not taken it yet, the Math Placement is available online: math.bard.edu/placement

If you want assistance with the Math Placement, want to learn about the MC distribution requirement, or have questions, then visit a help session on:

Monday, August 24, 6-8pm in Hegeman 204A

Thursday, August 27, 10am-12pm in Hegeman 204A

Japheth Wood, Director of Quantitative Literacy

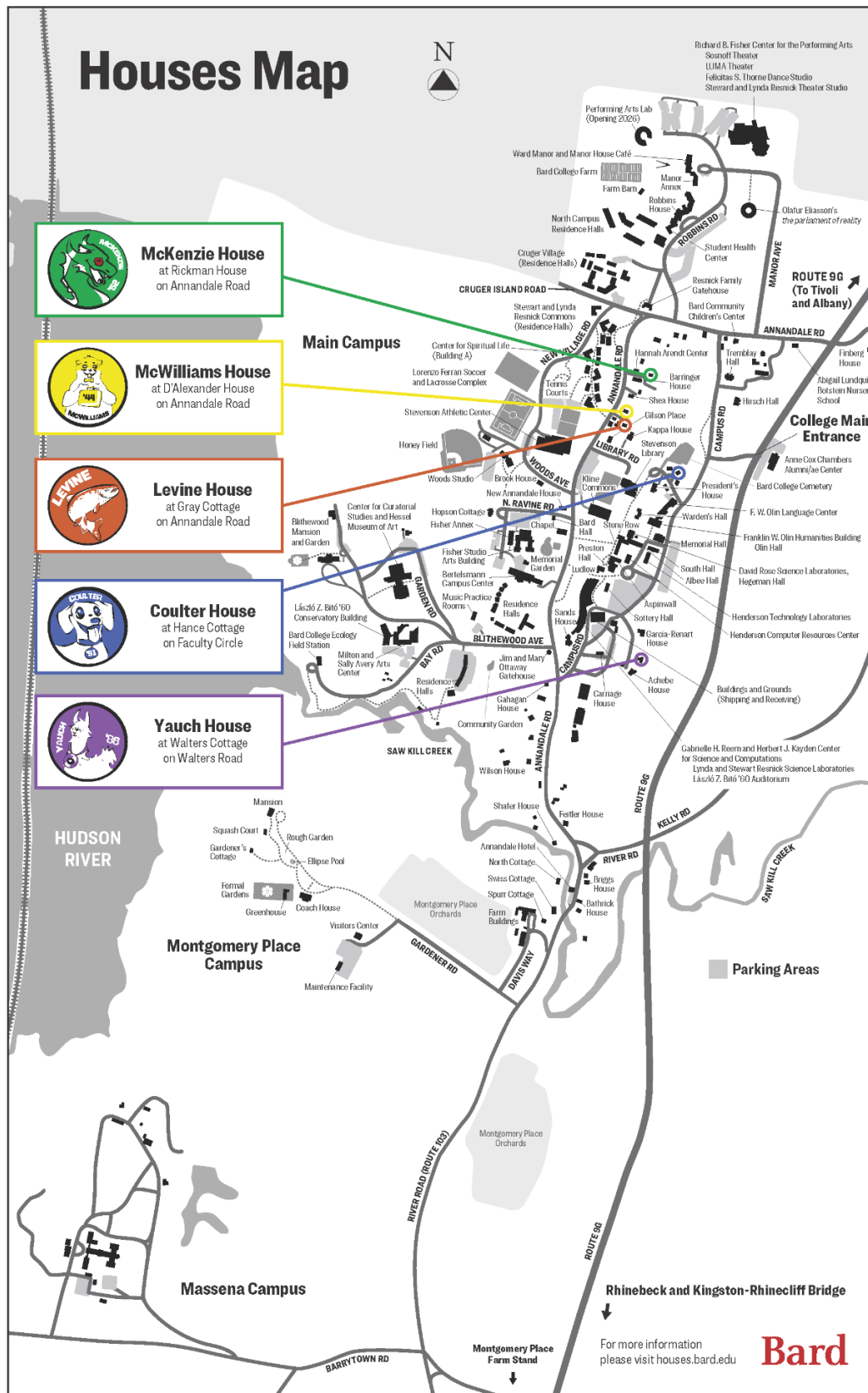
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The Quantitative Literacy Program

We offer tutoring in STEM subjects at Bard through evening study rooms and one-on-one tutoring.

Join us this semester for academic success!

Information about Bard STEM tutoring is available at dub.sh/bardstudyrooms.



Fall 2025

BARD-TIVOLI-RED HOOK SHUTTLE 2026-2027

FRIDAY, AUG 7 through SUNDAY, MAY 30

DAILY: 8:00 AM - 12:00 AM

****NO SERVICE**** Driver Breaks. 10:15-10:30 AM | 12:00-1:00 PM | 4:00-5:00 PM | 9:00-10:00 PM

NO SERVICE: Nov 26, Dec 24, Dec 25, Dec 31, Jan 01, or May 31

DEPARTING STOP	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	AM
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Triangle SOUTHBOUND		:02	:47	:32		:32	:17		:02	:02	:02		:02	:02	:02	:02		:02	:02	
Red Hook Village Hall SOUTHBOUND		8:10	8:55	9:40		10:40	11:25		:10	:10	:10		:10	:10	:10	:10		:10	:10	
UBS SOUTHBOUND		8:11	8:56	9:41		10:41	11:26		:11	:11	:11		:11	:11	:11	:11		:11	:11	
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Gahagan NORTHBOUND		:22	:07	:52		:52	:37		:39	:39	:39		:39	:39	:39	:39		:39	:39	
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Robbins NORTHBOUND		:26	:11	:56		:56	:41		:42	:42	:42		:42	:42	:42	:42		:42	:42	
Fisher Center NORTHBOUND		:26	:11	:56		:56	:41		:42	:42	:42		:42	:42	:42	:42		:42	:42	
Tivoli Monument NORTHBOUND		:30	:15	10:00		11:00	:45		:48	:48	:48		:48	:48	:48	:48		:48	:48	
TO BARD	Tivoli Pine Street SOUTHBOUND	8:35	9:20	10:05		11:05	11:50		1:50	2:50	3:50		5:50	6:50	7:50	8:50		10:50	11:50	
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Robbins SOUTHBOUND		:41	:26	:11		:11	:57		:57	:57	:57		:57	:57	:57	:57		:57	:57	
Resnick Family Gate House SOUTHBOUND		:42	:27	:12		:12	:58		:58	:58	:58		:58	:58	:58	:58		:58	:58	

Contact Transportation Services, Room 107 in the Physical Plant; Mon - Fri. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

EMAIL: transportation@bard.edu PHONE: 845-758-7625

<https://blogs.bard.edu/transportation>

Use Dutchess County Transit Route C Bus Free With Your Bard ID* Mon-Sat

Route C Northbound RED HOOK to TIVOLI										
	AM	AM	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM
Red Hook MHVFCU NORTHBOUND	6:28	7:28	8:58	11:33	2:13	4:43	6:13	7:28	9:58	
Kline North NORTHBOUND	6:37	7:37	9:07	11:42	2:22	4:52	6:22	7:37	10:07	
Tivoli Pine Street NORTHBOUND	6:44	7:44	9:14	11:49	2:29	4:59	6:29	7:44	10:14	

Route C Southbound TIVOLI to RED HOOK										
	AM	AM	AM	AM-PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM	PM
Tivoli Pine Street SOUTHBOUND	6:50	7:50	9:25	11:55	2:35	5:10	6:35	7:50	10:20	
Kline South SOUTHBOUND	6:57	7:57	9:32	12:02	2:42	5:17	6:42	7:57	10:27	
Red Hook Village Hall SOUTHBOUND	7:05	8:05	9:40	12:10	2:50	5:25	6:50	8:05	10:35	

*The Route C Bus (Full Schedule) is operated by Dutchess County Public Transit. Please call DCPT at 845-473-8424 for more information.

No DCPT Bus Service on New Year's Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Day.



2025-2026 BARD COLLEGE DINING GUIDE



Dining is an essential part of the Bard College student experience - providing the fuel students need for academic, social, and athletic success and serving as hubs for building community around the table. This guide will help you make the most of the Bard College dining program so you can enjoy the convenience and variety available. Quality is at the core of what we do, ensuring satisfying meal experiences that are fresh, creative, seasonal, and made-from-scratch. We can't wait to serve you!

DINING LOCATIONS



KLINE COMMONS

Primary dining hall on campus offering a variety of options including entrées from around the world, hand-tossed pizzas, fresh grilled proteins, made-to-order deli, make-your-own salad bar, house-made desserts, fair-trade coffee, infused waters, and more! Diverse and inclusive dining with vegan, vegetarian, halal, and gluten-friendly foods. Thursday Global Cuisine Nights are a fan favorite. Multi-entry access for all-you-care-to-eat dining!

Monday – Friday
7:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Clean Plate

A specialty **allergen-free station** that provides foods free from the top 9 most common food allergens.

Monday – Sunday
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
5 p.m. – 8 p.m.



DOWN THE ROAD GRILL

A student favorite dining location, DTR Grill is open through late night! Featuring grilled favorites, customized sandwiches, personal pizzas, and more! Retail store offers house-made grab n' go items, snacks, drinks, and frozen foods.

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 12 a.m.

Saturday & Sunday
9 a.m. – 12 a.m.



DOWN THE ROAD COFFEE SHOP

Fresh-brewed organic coffee, teas, refreshers, and frozen blends at our barista-style coffee shop!

Monday – Friday
8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.



HALAL BROS AT MANOR HOUSE

Authentic halal dishes by our local restaurant partner brings additional diversity to dining options on campus! Enjoy a variety of entrées, specialty snacks, and drinks!

Monday – Friday
11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday
12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

SEE WHAT'S COOKING

Follow us on social media to get information about events, meet team members, get a peek behind the scenes and get information on fun contests and giveaways!



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Bard College Dining

SUSTAINABLE DINING INITIATIVES

We are committed to supporting sustainability through several key initiatives. We partner with nearby farms, bakeries, and other local businesses to support regional economy and reduce our environmental footprint. Much of our food is sourced locally, within 100 miles of campus, including fresh produce from Bard Campus Farm and Montgomery Place Orchards. Our menu emphasizes plant-forward options to promote health and environmental responsibility.



GREEN TO-GO REUSABLE CONTAINERS

We have a to-go reusable container program to minimize waste and maximize convenience- please remember to return your dishes to help us reduce our environmental impact!

How it works:

- \$6 cost to join
- Return your used container to be cleaned and receive a clean container or a token to use for later

RESIDENTIAL MEAL PLANS

Students living on campus must choose one of the following meal plans.

ANYTIME ACCESS PLAN

Unlimited access to Kline Commons
\$50 Bard Bucks

19 MEAL PLAN

19 meals per week
Meal Exchange options for DTR and Manor House
\$100 Bard Bucks

14 MEAL PLAN

14 meals per week
Meal Exchange options for DTR and Manor House
\$400 Bard Bucks

10 MEAL PLAN

10 meals per week
Meal Exchange options for DTR and Manor House
\$600 Bard Bucks



MEAL PLAN TERMS

- Use 1 Meal Swipe per Meal Period
- Up to 3 Meal Swipes per day
- Unused Meal Swipes do not carry over

Meal Periods are the time frames in which to use your Meal Swipe.

Monday – Friday
Breakfast 7:30 a.m. – 10:59 a.m.
Lunch 11 a.m. – 4:59 p.m.
Dinner 5 p.m. – 7:59 p.m.
Late Night 8 p.m. – 12 a.m. (Down the Road Cafe only)

Saturday – Sunday
Brunch 10 a.m. – 4:59 p.m.
Dinner 5 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Late Night 8 p.m. – 12 a.m. (Down the Road Cafe only)

Meal Swipe gives you multi-entry access to all-you-care-to-eat meal at Kline for the Meal Period. Must re-swipe with re-entering servery.

Meal Exchange gives you the option to exchange a Meal Swipe to purchase a bundled meal combo from DTR or Halal Bros.

Cash Equivalency gives you the option to exchange a Meal Swipe for the cash equivalent of \$6.00 when purchasing menu or retail items at DTR.

Bard Bucks can be used at Kline Commons, DTR Grill, DTR Coffee Shop, or Manor House for meals, snacks, or beverages.

Additional Bard Bucks can be added at any time by logging into your Bard account portal or visiting the Student Account Office.

Unused Bard Bucks will roll over from Fall to Spring semester, but expire at the end of the academic year. (spring semester)

FLEX is an optional tax-free account used similar to a debit card for purchases outside of the board plan at any dining location. Set up and add funds to Flex accounts by contacting the Students Accounts Office.

FAQs

How is the Meal Plan structured?

All students living on campus are required to have a meal plan. Meal Plans for first-year students ensure food security with daily access to dining options. Additional Meal Plan options allow you to select the best plan to keep you fueled for success!

How can we give input or get involved?

We love to hear your comments, cravings, and compliments!

- Participate in Dining Committee
- Submit a virtual comment card
- Find us in the dining locations

Who can we talk to about food allergies or dietary needs?

We would love to connect with you directly to understand your unique dining needs and preferences, and guide you on how to get the most out of the Bard dining program. Email our team at BardCollegeAll@parkhurstdining.com so we can best support you!

CONNECT WITH US



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1400 Annandale Road,
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Andrew LaValle, Resident District Manager
David J. Reese, General Manager
Jacob Smith, Executive Chef
Danielle Halbert, Director of Operations

ALLERGENS & PERSONALIZED DINING

We know that dining preferences amongst our campus community are diverse and personal, so we offer a variety of offerings that are vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free, lactose-free, and more at each location and for every meal. All of our menu items are labeled with the top 9 allergens, according to the FDA.



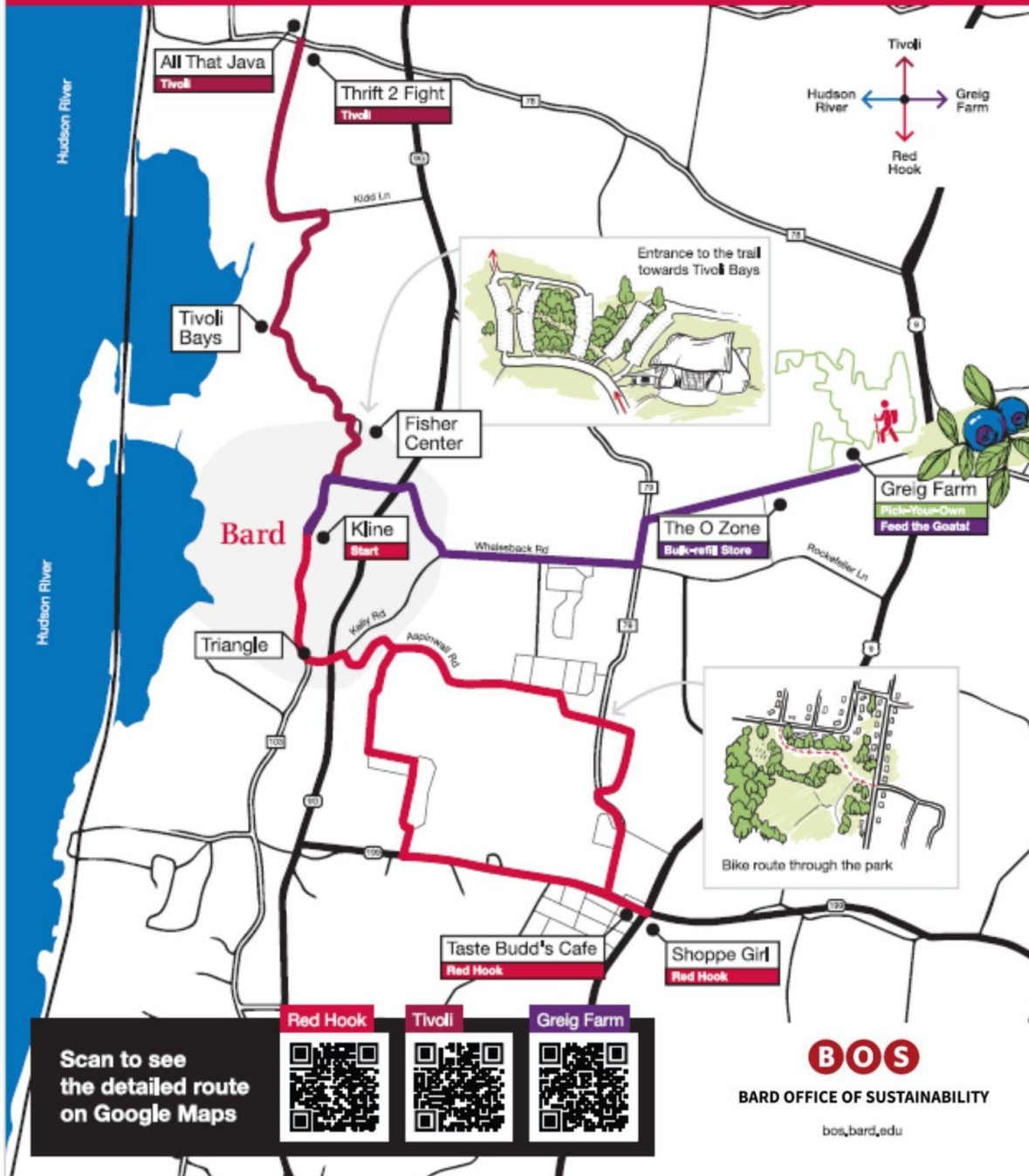
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Bike Routes

Bard

Red Hook: 3.8 miles | Tivoli: 3.3 miles | Greig Farm: 3.5 miles



2026 Schedule

Attendance is required at all of the starred* events.

Please be aware that, during the month of August, the Office of Communications will be capturing photos and videos for possible use on social media. If you prefer not to be photographed, please kindly let our student photographers know. Thank you!

All regular meals at Kline Dining Commons from Friday, August 7, to Friday, August 28, are served at the following times. But in the schedule, times may be limited on particular days due to mandatory events.

Breakfast: 7:30–9:30 am

Lunch: 12:00–2:30 pm

Dinner: 5:00–7:30 pm

Friday, August 7 - Arrival Day

Arrival and Check-In for New Students*

9:00 am – 2:00 pm • Reem-Kayden Center for Science and Computation (RKC)

*New students will check in and get their IDs, keys, and course registration information. **Attendance is required.***

First Day Photo Booth

9:00 am – 2:00 pm • Reem-Kayden Center for Science and Computation (RKC)

*Stop by the RKC to capture your first day at Bard! Sponsored by the Bard Family Network. #firstdaysatbard
#bardianandproud*

Open House at Stevenson Library

10:00 am - 2:00 pm • Stevenson Library

Stop by Stevenson Library to meet the librarians, get a personal tour of the building, and scope out your favorite study spots! Snacks, activities for siblings, & more!

Campus Resource Fair

11:30 am – 2:30 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)

Meet staff from many offices and receive sustainable giveaways for campus living, from FreeUse coat hangers to reusable utensils and a starter supply of laundry detergent. Offices will include Admission, Alumni/ae Affairs, Bard Dining, Bard Prison Initiative, BRAVE, Buildings and Grounds, Career Development, Civic Engagement, Chaplaincy, Counseling, Debate Union, Dining, Disability Access Services, Equity and Inclusion, Graduate Programs, Health Services, Inclusive Excellence, International Student and Scholar Services, Residence Life and Housing, Security, Stevenson Library, Student Activities, Study Abroad, Sustainability, Title IX and Nondiscrimination, Transportation, Trustee Leader Scholar, Wellness and more! Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Lunch

12:00–2:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Lunch is free for first-year students; \$12.48 + tax for family and friends.

Campus Tour

12:00–1:30 pm • Leave from Hopson Cottage, Admissions Office

Families are invited to take a one and a half hour tour of the campus and learn more about the College.

Student-Athlete Welcome Reception

12:00–1:00 pm • Stevenson Athletic Center, Squash Court Wing

Student-athletes and their families are invited to a reception with members of the Bard Athletics community.

Open House: Athletics and Recreation

1:30–2:30 pm • Stevenson Athletic Center

Meet members of the Bard Athletics and Recreation staff and tour the Stevenson Athletic Center. Learn about the various campus athletics facilities, fitness programs, and recreational sports opportunities.

One Last Question Before We Part

2:30–3:00 pm • Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts, Sosnoff Theater

Join members of the student and academic affairs teams to have any last-minute questions answered.

Presidential Welcome to Families and Friends of New Students

3:00–4:00 pm • Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts, Sosnoff Theater

President Jonathan Becker, Dean of the College Deirdre d'Albertis, and Vice President of Student Affairs Dumaine Williams welcome families and friends to Bard.

Farewell Reception for Families and Friends

4:00–4:30 pm • Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts, Patio

Families and friends of new students join members of the Bard staff for a reception with light refreshments. This is the moment to say goodbye as families leave and students gather together.

Residence Hall Gatherings*

5:00–5:30 pm • Your Residence Hall

*New students gather to meet their Peer Counselors (PCs) and other members of their residence hall communities. PCs will take students to the Community Dinner. **Attendance is required.***

Community Dinner*

5:15–6:30 pm • Kline Lawn (rain location Kline Commons)

*New students join their PCs, house professors, L&T faculty, and other members of the Bard community for a welcome dinner that is planet friendly. Remember to compost your food scraps **Attendance is required.***

Welcome Ceremony*

6:15–7:00 pm • Kline Lawn (rain location Kline Commons)

*President Jonathan Becker, Dean of the College Deirdre d'Albertis, Vice President Dumaine Williams, and Director of the Language and Thinking Program Erica Kaufman welcome new students. **Attendance is required.***

Residence Hall Meetings*

7:00–9:00 pm • Your Residence Hall Lounge

*Join your new residential community and Peer Counselor to make connections, understand what living in a residence hall is all about, and set expectations for communal standards. **Attendance is required.***

Campfire and S'mores

9:00 pm – 12:00 am • Anna Jones Memorial Garden (rain location Bertelsmann Campus Center)

Welcome to Bard! Gather round Anna Jones Memorial Garden and let the warm glow of the campfire ignite unforgettable memories and good vibes under the starlit sky! Enjoy delicious s'mores, groove to music, engage in games, and connect with fellow Bardians! Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Saturday, August 8 - Safety and Wellness

Breakfast

7:30–9:30 am • Kline Dining Commons

First House Brunch

10:00 am – 11:30 pm • Watch for more information on location and specifics!

The First House Brunch is hosted by your house professors. Come out to meet them and your fellow house members. Learn about special events, opportunities, and your house namesake.

Class Photo*

11:30 am – 12:00 pm • Outside Chapel of the Innocents

*Please arrive by 11:30 am so we can ensure everyone is in the photo! Join your classmates for a class photo. Rain date is Saturday, August 16. **Attendance is required unless you opt out by emailing communications@bard.edu to express your preference not to be photographed***

Lunch

12:00–1:00 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Be Safe, Be Well, Be More: Community Resources at Bard*

1:00–3:00 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)

Students who live in Resnick A, Brown, McCausland, Cruger, South, Oberholzer: Join the Student Activities Office to review the orientation schedule and ways to get involved. The Dean of Students, Residence Life, Security, EMS, BRAVE, and SRG review campus safety and emergency resources. The Health Services, Counseling, Wellness, Disability Access Services, and Sustainability share resources to promote a healthy mind, body, and home. **Attendance is required.**

Be Safe, Be Well, Be More: Community Resources at Bard*

3:00–5:00 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)

Students who live in Tewksbury, Hirsch, Tremblay, Alumni (Rovere, Rueger, Shafer), Ravines (Shelov, Bourne, Bluecher, Leonard, Obreshkov, Wolff): Join the Student Activities Office to review the orientation schedule and ways to get involved. The Dean of Students, Residence Life, Security, EMS, BRAVE, and SRG review campus safety and emergency resources. The Health Services, Counseling, Wellness, Disability Access Services, and Sustainability share resources to promote a healthy mind, body, and home. **Attendance is required.**

FreeUse Open Hours

5:15–7:15 pm • FreeUse Garage, next to Kappa House off Library Road

Find something you need or want.

Dinner

5:30–7:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

The Bardian Games

7:00–9:00 pm • Ferrari Field (Rain Location Stevenson Gymnasium)

Join all of the incoming students on Ferrari Field for an opportunity to connect with each other! Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Scrap & Yap

9:30 pm – 12:00 am • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Down The Road Cafe (DTR)

Get to know your new classmates as you create scrapbooks that you can add to throughout your time at Bard!

Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Drag Extravaganza

10:00 pm – 12:00 am • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)

Slay the night away with an incredible evening of drag excellence! This event features four amazing New York drag performers who will put on a show to remember. Come in your best look to walk the runway! Take part in contests and competitions to win prizes throughout the night! Hosted by Andramada, with performances by Hannah Divine, Lola Deville, and The Angel! Doors open at 10:00 pm, show starts at 10:30 pm. Featuring beats by DJ Xeon and brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Sunday, August 9 - Building Connections

Breakfast

7:30–9:30 am • Kline Dining Commons

Inclusion at Bard*

10:00–11:30 am • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)

Students who live in Hirsch, Alumni (Rovere, Rueger, Shafer), Ravines (Shelov, Bourne, Bluecher, Leonard, Obreshkov, Wolff): Engage in conversations about difference, inclusion, and belonging in the Bard community. **Attendance is required.**

Class Photo Rain Date*

11:30 am – 12:00 pm • Outside Chapel of the Innocents

If it rained on Saturday and the photo was canceled, we'll try again to take a class photo. Attendance is required unless you opt out by emailing communications@bard.edu to express your preference not to be photographed.

Lunch

12:30–1:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Inclusion at Bard*

1:00–2:30 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)

Students who live in Tewksbury, Resnick A, Brown, McCausland: Engage in conversations about difference, inclusion, and belonging in the Bard community. **Attendance is required.**

Roommate Conversations*

1:00–2:30 pm • See your PC in your residential community

Students who live in Cruger, South, Oberholzer, Tremblay, Hirsch, Alumni (Rovere, Rueger, Shafer), Ravines (Shelov, Bourne, Bluecher, Leonard, Obreshkov, Wolff), and Tremblay: Join with their roommate to connect more, discuss expectations, and learn about campus living tips and tricks. **Attendance is required.**

Inclusion at Bard*

3:00–4:30 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)

Students who live in Cruger, South, Oberholzer, Tremblay: Engage in conversations about difference, inclusion, and belonging in the Bard community. **Attendance is required.**

Roommate Conversations*

3:00–4:30 pm • See your PC in your residential community

Students who live in Tewksbury, Resnick A, Brown, and McCausland: Join with their roommate to connect more, discuss expectations, and learn about campus living tips and tricks. **Attendance is required.**

Dinner

5:30–7:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Monday, August 10 - First Day of Workshops

Breakfast

7:30–9:00 am • Kline Dining Commons

Language and Thinking Workshop*

9:00–10:30 am

Language and Thinking Workshop*

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Lunch

12:30–2:00 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Language and Thinking Workshop*

2:00–3:30 pm

Bard Farm Power Hour

4:00–5:00 pm • Bard College Farm, behind Robbins Hall

Are you interested in learning about the Bard Farm and sustainability initiatives on campus? Come down to the farm anytime during this open house and get your hands dirty. All experience levels are welcome! This is a great time to learn about sustainability programs at Bard.

Tennis Open Court Play

5:00–6:30 pm • Stevenson Tennis Courts

All levels are welcome to come and play tennis.

Dinner

5:30–7:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Tuesday, August 11

Breakfast

7:30–9:00 am • Kline Dining Commons

Run Club

8:00–9:00 am • Ferrari Field

Join us for an all-levels run club! Meet new people and learn some of the great running routes around Bard's campus. Hosted by Bard XC coaches.

Language and Thinking Workshop*

9:00–10:30 am

Language and Thinking Workshop*

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Lunch

12:30–2:00 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Informational Table with Counseling Services

12:30 – 1:30 pm • Table at Kline Dining Commons

Meet the staff of Counseling Services and learn about services and resources.

Language and Thinking Workshop*

2:00–3:30 pm

Take Action Tuesday - Personalize your Stay Engaged Pouch

5:30–7:00 pm • Kline Commons

Join the Center for Civic Engagement for an activism power hour. There's a different theme every week! Come by to chat with CCE staff and take home some snacks!

Dinner

5:30–7:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

L&T Film: *Frankenstein*, dir. James Whale (1931)

7:00–9:00 pm • Franklin W. Olin Humanities Building, Olin Auditorium

What limits should be placed on the pursuit of knowledge? What responsibilities attend the act of creation, or of scientific inquiry? James Whale's classic retelling of Mary Shelley's modern myth explores these questions while presenting some of the most recognizable and enduring cinematic images of Dr. Frankenstein and his creature. Frankenstein stars Colin Clive as Henry Frankenstein, an obsessed scientist who digs up corpses with his assistant in order to assemble a living being from body parts. The resulting creature, often known as Frankenstein's monster, is portrayed by Boris Karloff. Runtime 71 minutes. ([Wikipedia](#))

****This will be a requirement for some L&T Workshop Sections. Not every section will attend every film, refer to your faculty for details.***

L&T Film: *Amadeus*, dir. Miloš Forman (1984)

7:00–9:00 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multi-Purpose Room

Inspired by Alexander Pushkin's 1830 play Mozart and Salieri (excerpted in this year's L&T Anthology), Amadeus explores questions of artistic creation, genius, and divine vocation through the imagined rivalry between Wolfgang Mozart (Tom Hulce) and Antonio Salieri (F. Murray Abraham). The disciplined and socially successful Salieri is driven

to question his own abilities and even his faith in God when he encounters the genius and irreverence of his younger rival. In addition to stunning recreations of 18th-century Vienna, the film offers a kaleidoscopic overview of Mozart's musical output, including a sustained exploration of this year's Bard Music Festival opera, *The Abduction from the Seraglio*. Runtime 2h 40 min. ([Wikipedia](#))

****This will be a requirement for some L&T Workshop Sections. Not every section will attend every film, refer to your faculty for details.***

Wednesday, August 12 - Meet the Faculty

Breakfast

7:30–9:00 am • Kline Dining Commons

Language and Thinking Workshop*

9:00–10:30 am

Language and Thinking Workshop*

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00–2:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Academic Exposition*

2:30–4:30 pm • Stevenson Athletic Center, Gymnasium

Meet faculty from all four divisions of the College and from Bard's study abroad and international education programs (Bard Abroad and the Open Society University Network). Ask questions of faculty, get tips about succeeding in classes, and learn more about academic life at the College. Programs represented will likely include::

- The Division of Science, Mathematics, and Computing, which includes majors in Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, and Psychology, and concentrations/second foci including Data Analytics, Environmental Studies, Global Public Health, and Mind, Brain, and Behavior.
- The Division of the Arts, which includes programs in Art History and Visual Culture, Architecture, Dance, Film and Electronic Arts, Music, Photography*, Studio Arts, and Theater and Performance.
- The Division of Social Studies, which includes programs in Anthropology, Economics, Economics and Finance, Historical Studies, Philosophy, Politics, Interdisciplinary Study of Religions, and Sociology, as well as concentrations in Africana Studies, Gender and Sexuality Studies, and Theology.
- The Division of Languages and Literature, which includes programs Foreign Languages, Cultures and Literature, Literature, and Written Arts, and concentrations including Experimental Humanities, Irish/Celtic Studies, Jewish Studies, Latin American and Iberian Studies, Medieval Studies, and Victorian Studies.
- Interdivisional programs and concentrations, which include American and Indigenous Studies, Asian Studies, Classical Studies, French Studies, German Studies, Global and International Studies, Human Rights, Italian Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, Russian and Eurasian Studies, and Spanish Studies.
- The Global Higher Education Alliance (GHEA 21), Bard NYC, and Bard Study Abroad opportunities.
- *Students planning to take a course in Photography **must** attend the program-specific information session on Wednesday, August 26 at 5-6 pm in Woods Studio.

OEI First Year Student Mega-Meetup

5:00 pm - 7:00pm • Campus Center North

This event will be the first meeting of all of the scholarship students under the OEI (Office for Equity and Inclusion) umbrella: HEOP, BOP, Posse, ECO, & CfIS. There will be games, and opportunities to connect with the rest of the incoming OEI community, and dinner will be served!

Nature Rx Presents: Walk with Dogs

Every Wednesday at 5:00 – 5:45 pm • Meet at Sottery Hall

Join us for a relaxing one-mile walk around campus with friendly and adorable dogs! This is a fun and low-pressure way to meet new people, connect with members of the Bard community, and enjoy the benefits of spending time outdoors.

Staff from Wellness, Sustainability, the Dean of Students Office (DOSA), Career Services, and other campus offices will join the walk, creating an opportunity to meet campus resources in a casual setting while connecting with

fellow students who love dogs. Whether you're looking to de-stress, get some fresh air, make new friends, or spend time with dogs, this walk is for you!

No dog? No problem! Everyone is welcome. Come walk, chat, meet new people, and enjoy some canine companionship.

Dinner

5:30–7:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Community Squash Class

6:00–7:30 pm • Stevenson Athletic Center, Squash Courts

Come play/learn how to play squash! Please bring non marking indoor shoes (shoes that haven't been worn outside) No experience required. IT'S AIR CONDITIONED

Class of 2030 vs Faculty/Staff Kickball Game

7:00–8:00 pm • Honey Baseball Field

Compete against Bard faculty and staff and come cheer on your classmates! Sign up at the Bardian Games to play on the team. Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Thursday, August 13

Breakfast

7:30–9:00 am • Kline Dining Commons

Run Club

8:00–9:00 am • Ferrari Field

Join us for an all-levels run club! Meet new people and learn some of the great running routes around Bard's campus. Hosted by Bard XC coaches.

Language and Thinking Workshop*

9:00–10:30 am

Language and Thinking Workshop*

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Lunch

12:30–2:00 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Bard Farm Stand

12:00–5:00 pm • Library Road

FreeUse Open Hours

12:30–2:00 pm • FreeUse Garage, next to Kappa House

Find something you need or want. Perhaps a pot for a plant in your room.

Language and Thinking Workshop*

2:00–3:30 pm

Career Development Office (CDO) and Student Employment Overview

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm • Reem-Kayden Center, Laszlo Z. Bito '60 Auditorium (103)

Meet staff from the Career Development Office (CDO) and the Student Employment Coordinator, Carol Hosier. Learn how the CDO can support you during your time at Bard and gain insight into the on campus employment process.

Pollinator Meadow Walk (where the bumblebees bumble)

4:00-5:15 pm • 4pm@Annandale Hotel, 1259 River Road (walk to meadow entrance together)

Join the Office of Sustainability and Graduate Programs in Sustainability to explore the new 12-acre native pollinator meadow on our Montgomery Place Campus. The walk will be led by Bard's Horticulturist. Wear walking shoes and be prepared for an approximate one-mile walk (round trip) on uneven terrain. The walk will be canceled if there's an unpleasant rain. Registration Link (optional): <http://tiny.cc/soq6101>

Dinner

5:30–7:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Peer Health Presents: Spill the Tea: Sex at Bard – Conversations About What Goes Down

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm • Campus Center North Classroom 101

Serving cold tea brew to COOL OFF (while supplies last)!

Join us for an open, honest conversation about sex, relationships, consent, hookup culture, sexual health, gender, and more. Hear from a diverse panel of upper-class students who will share their experiences and answer your questions in a welcoming, judgment-free space.

Enjoy games, sexy raffles, meaningful conversation, pronoun buttons, coloring, and free safer sex supplies.

Language and Thinking Reading*

7:30–9:00 pm • See your instructor for location

The L&T Reading is a long-standing Bard tradition in which students and faculty gather to read their work and listen to the works of others.

Open Mic Night

9:00–11:00 pm • Campus Center North

Feeling imaginative and inspired after L&T readings? Then come show your talents at our very own Open Mic Night! Read a poem, sing a song, spit a verse, do your thing. All talents are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Friday, August 14

Breakfast

7:30–9:00 am • Kline Dining Commons

Language and Thinking Workshop*

10:00–11:00 am

Language and Thinking Workshop*

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Lunch

12:30–2:00 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Language and Thinking Workshop*

2:00–3:30 pm

Thrift Flip

3:30–5:30 pm • Kappa House Lot

Get ready to transform your wardrobe without spending a dime! Join us at the Kappa Lawn to thrift flip with items from FreeUse. Come with a creative mind to re-invent your style or build on it. Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Mosaic Mural

3:45 - 5:45 pm • Tent outside of Bertelsmann Campus Center

Optional art activity: create a small mosaic to be added to the border of the community mural.

Dinner

5:30–7:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Shabbat Service and Dinner

6:30–8:30 pm • Center for Spiritual Life, Resnick Commons A Basement

Join us for Shabbat candle-lighting, a relaxed and informal service, and a great vegetarian Shabbat dinner. All are welcome, Jewish and not Jewish, those familiar with Shabbat ritual and those totally new to it. Please contact Bard's rabbi, Joshua Boettiger, at jboettiger@bard.edu if you have any questions.

Sunset at Blithewood

6:00–8:30 pm • Meet at Bertelsmann Campus Center Lobby

Come explore the beauty of Blithewood through a short hike followed by a picnic with arts and crafts. Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Bard Music Festival Concert

7:00–9:00 pm • Richard B. Fisher Performing Arts Center, Sosnoff Theater

The Bard Music Festival invites you to hear the Festival Chorale and The Orchestra Now, conducted by James Bagwell.

Mozart was similarly close to Haydn's less well-remembered younger brother Michael Haydn, then a successful composer whose Requiem, partly inspired by the death of his infant daughter, would influence Mozart's own. After opening with Mozart's somber Masonic Funeral Music in C minor, Program Seven, "Beauty, Charity, and Reason," complements Michael Haydn's Mass with two of Mozart's own religious choral works, both of which draw on his devotion to Freemasonry. Scored for male voices and orchestra, the cantata Laut verkünde unsre Freude was

written for the dedication of a Masonic temple and represents Mozart's last completed work. The program concludes with an all-too-rare live account of his Davide penitente, a cantata combining a specially created cadenza and two new arias with original text settings of his personally selected highlights from the unfinished Great Mass in C minor.

All L&T students can attend Bard Music Festival concerts for free if tickets are available, visit the box office.

Information about programming and schedules is available at

<https://fishercenter.bard.edu/what-we-do/bard-music-festival/>.

Manor Pub - Flip Phones and Flashbacks Y2K Night

9:00 pm – 1:00 am • Manor Lounge

Get ready to reminisce! Enjoy some of your childhood favorite foods, like chicken nuggets, french fries, pizza rolls, rice krispies, and more. Decorate your own CD, get a temporary tattoo, compete in trivia, and sing your favorite 2000s hits in karaoke! Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Saturday, August 15 - Intervention and Safety

Breakfast

7:30–9:30 am • Kline Dining Commons

Die Entführung aus dem Serail: A Bard Music Festival Rehearsal

9:45 am - 1:30 pm • Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts, Sosnoff Theater

Each summer on the weekends during L&T, Bard hosts an internationally recognized music festival that draws performers, scholars, and audience members from around the world to our campus. The Bard Music Festival has become so prominent over the past 36 years that it is sometimes referred to as the college's football team. The Festival's early success inspired supporters to build it a proper home—a stadium—which led to the Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts. The Festival focuses on the life and music of a different composer each year and this summer will explore the world of Wolfgang Amadé Mozart (1756–91).

*In this Rostrum, students will attend a rehearsal for a concert titled “Too Beautiful,” a quote attributed Emperor Joseph II about Mozart's comic German opera *Die Entführung aus dem Serail* (The Abduction from the Seraglio, 1782), the most performed of his operas during his lifetime. Students will attend the final dress rehearsal of this semi-staged work on Saturday morning August 15, with Leon Botstein conducting the American Symphony Orchestra.*

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Information about programming and schedules is available at

<https://fishercenter.bard.edu/what-we-do/bard-music-festival/>.

Lunch

12:30–1:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Bystander Intervention Workshops*

1:30–3:30 pm • Meet in Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multipurpose Room, then move to Olin. Check this website for your specific room: bard.edu/nondiscrimination/education

Students in L&T Sections 1–16: Join Upper College students and staff from the Office of Title IX and Nondiscrimination to discuss consent, bystander intervention, and how to have productive dialogues about issues related to discrimination and harassment.

Attendance is mandatory and sign-in is required.

After the Fire*

2:00–3:30 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multipurpose Room

Students in L&T Sections 17–33: Join Alvaro and Shawn, survivors of a residence hall fire during their college years, for a screening of their documentary *After the Fire*, questions, and a discussion about fire safety. **Attendance is required.**

Bystander Intervention Workshops*

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After the Fire*

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Dinner

5:30–7:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

A Charm to Remember: DIY Bag Charms

6:30–8:30 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, George Ball Lounge (133)

Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Bard Music Festival Concert

7:00–9:00 pm • Richard B. Fisher Performing Arts Center, Sosnoff Theater

The Bard Music Festival invites you to hear the American Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Leon Botstein.

Mozart's Concerto for Two Pianos and his sophisticated "Linz" Symphony, composed in just four days, are two of the composer's mature orchestral works. Program Nine, "Friends, Family, and Students," presents them alongside examples by those within his inner circle: the Overture to Der Schulkandidat by his close friend Maria Theresia von Paradis, a musician who lost her sight at an early age; the festive Symphony in C by Marianna Martines, at whose musical soirées he was a frequent guest; the Overture in D by Franz Xaver Wolfgang Mozart, his youngest child, born just four months before his death, who went on to study with Salieri and Hummel; and the "Turkish" Symphony by Franz Xaver Süssmayr, the friend, student, and assistant of Mozart's, who is best-remembered for his posthumous completion of the latter's Requiem.

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Slime, Sculpt, Screen

8:00–11:00 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multi Purpose Room (MPR)

Get ready for an awesome time at "Slime, Sculpt, and Screen"! We're going to have a blast making super stretchy slime, getting creative with clay to sculpt some cool characters, and then kicking back to watch a fun movie!

Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Club Manor - Old School Disney vs. Nickelodeon Night

10:00 pm – 1:00 am • Manor Lounge

Are you a Disney channel kid or Nickelodeon kid? Who's better? Are you ready to rep your childhood? Come to enjoy the throwbacks with some tasty mocktails in your best early 2000s attire! Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Sunday, August 16

Breakfast

7:30–9:30 am • Kline Dining Commons

Pole Dance Fitness and Fluidity Class

11:30 am, 12:45 pm, 2:15 pm, and 3:30 pm • Olin Language Center, Room 206

Looking for a fun way to get involved? Join this beginner pole class to experience a supportive introduction to pole fitness and fluidity. Learn basic techniques, meet new people, and challenge yourself in a welcoming environment. No experience necessary! There are four opportunities to attend a class. Spots are limited and signups encouraged at the link in bio @bard_osa on Instagram. Please limit one class per person. Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Lunch

12:00–2:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

90's Type of Love: Movie Marathon Round 1

1:00–3:00 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Weis Cinema

Come chill with your fellow classmates while watching classic 90's romance movies. Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Pot a Plant

1:00–3:00 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, George Ball Lounge (133)

Come by to the 'Fishbowl,' the George Ball Lounge to plant your own seedling, decorate your biodegradable pot, and enjoy fresh chips and guacamole! Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Shopping Shuttle – Kingston Target and Walmart

3:00–6:30 pm • Kline Bus Stop

One school bus will depart Kline Southbound bus stop at 3:00, 4:00, and 5:00 pm. Bus will drop off at Target first, then Walmart.

Pickups at Target: 3:20, 4:20, 5:20, and 6:20 pm. Pickups at Walmart: 3:25, 4:25, 5:25, and 6:25 pm. Bus will return to Bard Campus Kline Northbound for drop-offs.

Please be courteous. Bus seating is limited and is first-come, first-served. Not all passengers can wait until the final shuttle of the evening to return. We must avoid overcrowding.

Students can ride the Bard-Tivoli-Red Hook Shuttle, the Dutchess County Public Transit's Route C Bus (and all DCPT routes, free with a Bard ID), or find alternatives on the "Taxis, Buses, Trains, and Airports" website, blogs.bard.edu/transportation.

Dazzle and Design

2:00–5:00 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Yellow Room 214

Bring your favorite items to bedazzle! From phone cases, notebooks, hats and more, you can transform them into dazzling masterpieces. We'll provide all the gems, glitter, and tools you need to add some serious bling. It's the perfect opportunity to unleash your creativity! Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Mosaic Mural

3:45 – 5:45 pm • Tent outside of Bertelsmann Campus Center

Optional art activity: create a small mosaic to be added to the border of the community mural.

Dinner

5:30–7:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Conservatory Orientation

7:00–8:00 pm • Lázló Bito '60 Conservatory Building, CPS (Conservatory Performance Space)

Required orientation for new Conservatory students.

Civic Engagement Noodle Night by CCE

7:30–8:30 pm • Resnick Family Gatehouse

Get ready to have your noodle cravings satisfied at CCE Noodle Night! Join us for a night of sipping and socializing. From classic ramen to funky fusion creations, we've got the craziest noodle combos to blow your mind and fill your belly. Mark your calendars and bring your friends! Registration is required. Signup link to be provided.

Monday, August 17

Breakfast

7:30–9:00 am • Kline Dining Commons

Language and Thinking Workshop*

9:00–10:30 am

Language and Thinking Workshop*

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Lunch

12:30–2:00 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Informational Table with Counseling Services

12:30 – 1:30 pm • Table at Kline Dining Commons

Meet the staff of Counseling Services and learn about services and resources.

Language and Thinking Workshop*

2:00–3:30 pm

Bard Debate Union Information Session

4:00–5:00 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Yellow Room 214

Interested in learning more about the Bard Debate Union? Come meet the coaches and learn about all that we do: competitive debate, public debates, debate in prison, debate in the local school districts, international debates, and more!

Bard Farm Power Hour

4:00–5:00 pm • Bard College Farm, behind Robbins Hall

Are you interested in learning about the Bard Farm and sustainability initiatives on campus? Come down to the farm anytime during this open house and get your hands dirty. All experience levels are welcome! This is a great time to learn about sustainability programs at Bard.

COED Basketball Open Gym

5:00–6:30 pm • Stevenson Athletic Center Gymnasium

Come out to the gym to meet new people and enjoy some time on the hardwood. Whether you are looking for a pickup game or just to shoot some hoops, all are welcome!

Dinner

5:30–7:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Tuesday, August 18 - Grad Programs

Breakfast

7:30–9:00 am • Kline Dining Commons

Run Club

8:00–9:00 am • Ferrari Field

Join us for an all-levels run club! Meet new people and learn some of the great running routes around Bard's campus. Hosted by Bard XC coaches.

Language and Thinking Workshop*

9:00–10:30 am

Language and Thinking Workshop*

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Lunch

12:30–2:00 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Student Employment Information

1:00–1:45 pm • Reem-Kayden Center, Laszlo Z. Bito '60 Auditorium (103)

*Interested in finding campus employment? Eligible for work-study? Have questions about off-campus jobs or internships? Carol Hosier, student employment coordinator and Career Development Office adviser, will answer questions and help you get started. Students who are interested in working on campus are encouraged to attend this session to learn about opportunities, applications, and timelines. **Students are welcome to bring their lunch.***

Language and Thinking Workshop*

2:00–3:30 pm

Academic Information Sessions: Earn a Bard BA and Master's Degree in Five Years

4:30–6:00 pm • Meet in RKC Lobby then Breakout Rooms 100, 101, 102

Join the combined degree programs for a meet-and-greet and reception before individual information sessions:

3+2 Program in Economic Theory and Policy

Bard is proud to be the home of an internationally known think tank, the Levy Economics Institute. In the 3+2 program, students study with both Bard faculty and Levy scholars, allowing them to leverage economics for the greater good. Join Thomas Masterson, director of the Levy Graduate Programs in Economic Theory and Policy to learn how to earn a BA and MS in five years under the guidance of true public policy experts.

4+1 Program in Economic Theory and Policy

The 4+1 pathway offers Bard graduates in economics an opportunity to seamlessly transition to a one-year Master of Arts in Economic Theory and Policy, offered by the Levy Institute. Graduates in related disciplines are also encouraged to apply.

4+1 Program in Environmental Policy, Climate Science and Policy, or Environmental Education

Want to get paid to tackle environmental justice issues, advance sustainable development, or educate the next generation on climate change and biodiversity? Bard's Graduate Programs in Sustainability (GPS) offer 4+1 pathways that launch Bard undergrads into high-impact environmental careers. Join Margo Bogossian, director of enrollment and marketing for Bard GPS, to learn how you can earn an MS in

Environmental Policy, an MS in Climate Science and Policy, or an MEd in Environmental Education with just one additional year at Bard.

4+1 Master of Arts in Teaching Program

Interested in teaching? The BA/MAT 4+1 program is designed to offer Bard undergraduates a path to a master of arts in teaching (MAT) degree and New York State grades 7–12 teacher certification in one of five subject areas (biology, history, literature, mathematics, or Spanish) within five years of entering college. Join Cecilia Maple '01, director of admission and student affairs for Bard MAT, to learn about Bard's BA/MAT 4+1 degree path for undergraduates.

Volleyball Open Gym

4:30–6:00 pm • Stevenson Athletic Center, Main Gym
All levels welcome. 2 nets will be set up for pickup volleyball

Music at Bard

5:00–6:00 pm • Bard Hall
A conversation about the Music Program (classical, jazz, vocal, instrumental, electronic, and experimental music), lessons, ensembles, auditions, practice rooms, storage lockers, performance venues, and much more.

Take Action Tuesday

5:30–7:00 pm • Kline Commons
Join the Center for Civic Engagement for an activism power hour. There's a different theme every week! Come by to chat with CCE staff and take home some snacks.

Dinner

5:30–7:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

L&T Film: Lincoln, dir. Steven Spielberg (2012)

7:00–9:00 pm • Franklin W. Olin Humanities Building, Olin Auditorium
With the nation embroiled in still another year with the high death count of Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln brings the full measure of his passion, humanity and political skill to what would become his defining legacy: to end the war and permanently abolish slavery through the 13th Amendment. Having great courage, acumen and moral fortitude, Lincoln pushes forward to compel the nation, and those in government who oppose him, to aim toward a greater good for all mankind. Runtime 2h 30min. ([Wikipedia](#))

****This will be a requirement for some L&T Workshop Sections. Not every section will attend every film, refer to your faculty for details.***

L&T Film: Perfect Days, dir. Wim Wenders (2023)

7:00–9:00 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multi-Purpose Room
For some of us, the repetition of daily routines might feel like a burden or even a form of imprisonment. In Perfect Days, however, they are the space within which true contentment is nourished. As we follow the daily rhythms of Hirayama (Koji Yakusho), a toilet cleaner in Tokyo, we are drawn by degrees into a meditation on the conditions for a free life. With two awards from the 2023 Cannes Film Festival, the film invites us to reflect on an enduring and fundamental question: what are the conditions for a happy life? Runtime 2h 4min. ([Wikipedia](#))

****This will be a requirement for some L&T Workshop Sections. Not every section will attend every film, refer to your faculty for details.***

Wednesday, August 19 - Democracy Day

Breakfast

7:30–9:00 am • Kline Dining Commons

Language and Thinking Workshop*

9:00–10:30 am

Democracy Day Panel*

11:00 am – 12:00 pm • Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts, Sosnoff Theater

Lunch

12:00–1:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Democracy Day Engagement Activities and Workshops*

1:30–5:15 pm • On and Off Campus

The afternoon will be filled with action workshops and engagement activities both on and off campus working with various community partners in the region. The day will be capped off with the annual Bard Block Party, featuring local food trucks, a DJ, and a local resource fair with tabling by regional organizations. Students will have the opportunity to choose their workshop/engagement activity closer to the date via a Google Form.

Nature Rx Presents: Walk with Dogs

Every Wednesday at 5:00 – 5:45 pm • Meet at Sottery Hall

Join us for a relaxing one-mile walk around campus with friendly and adorable dogs! This is a fun and low-pressure way to meet new people, connect with members of the Bard community, and enjoy the benefits of spending time outdoors.

Staff from Wellness, Sustainability, the Dean of Students Office (DOSA), Career Services, and other campus offices will join the walk, creating an opportunity to meet campus resources in a casual setting while connecting with fellow students who love dogs. Whether you're looking to de-stress, get some fresh air, make new friends, or spend time with dogs, this walk is for you!

No dog? No problem! Everyone is welcome. Come walk, chat, meet new people, and enjoy some canine companionship.

Center for Civic Engagement Bard Block Party and Dinner

6:00–7:30 pm • Outside on Kline Dining Commons Lawn

The Center for Civic Engagement is co-hosting a block party with Parkhurst Dining Services and the Office of Development and Alumni/ae Affairs! Enjoy great food from visiting food trucks and network with on-campus resources and local community partners and a DJ. No need to sign up in advance.

Community Squash Class

6:00–7:30 pm • Stevenson Athletic Center, Squash Courts

Come play/learn how to play squash! Please bring non marking indoor shoes (shoes that haven't been worn outside) No experience required. IT'S AIR CONDITIONED

Audition Prep Session for Conservatory Orchestra

7:00–8:00 pm • Lázló Bito '60 Conservatory Building, CPS (Conservatory Performance Space)

Erica Kiesewetter, director of orchestral studies and former concertmaster of the American Symphony Orchestra, will explain how to prepare for your placement auditions and what the panel is looking for. All Conservatory first-years who play orchestral instruments are required to attend.

Thursday, August 20

Breakfast

7:30–9:00 am • Kline Dining Commons

Language and Thinking Workshop*

9:00–10:30 am

Language and Thinking Workshop*

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Lunch

12:30–2:00 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Bard Farm Stand

12:00–5:00 pm • Library Road

Informational Table with the Career Development Office

12:30–2:00 pm • Table at Kline Dining Commons

Meet the staff of the Career Development Office and learn about opportunities for employment.

Informational Table with Bard NYC

12:30–2:00 pm • Table at Kline Dining Commons

Learn about the Bard NYC study away program, which pairs professional internships with unique academic offerings in New York City.

Language and Thinking Workshop*

2:00–3:30 pm

Mosaic Mural

3:45 - 5:45 pm • Tent outside of Bertelsmann Campus Center

Optional art activity: create a small mosaic to be added to the border of the community mural.

Sounding out Sustainability

4:00-5:15 pm • Kline Bus Shelter Northbound - by the Bike Fix It station

Join sustainability staff to explore campus, highlighting Bard's green energy systems & nature-based infrastructure. The walk will be canceled if there's an unpleasant rain.

Bard NYC Pizza Party

5:15 pm - 6:15 pm • Resnick Family Gatehouse

Join Bard NYC for a slice of New York-style pizza and garlic knots. Learn about the Bard NYC study away internship program and the culinary treats on offer in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Slices will be offered on a first come - first served basis, get it while it lasts!

Dinner

5:30–7:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Bard Student Government (BSG) Info Session

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm • Bard Student Government Office, Room 202, Bertelsmann Campus Center

Learn about how to get involved with Bard Student Government. Bring your dinner and hear from the Speaker of the Student Body and ask questions.

Language and Thinking Reading*

7:30–9:00 pm • See your instructor for location

The L&T Reading is a long-standing Bard tradition in which students and faculty gather to read their work and listen to the works of others.

Open Mic Night

9:00–11:00 pm • Campus Center North

Feeling imaginative and inspired after L&T readings? Then come show your talents at our very own Open Mic Night! Read a poem, sing a song, spit a verse, do your thing. All talents are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Friday, August 21 - Transfer Student Arrival

Breakfast

7:30–9:00 am • Kline Dining Commons

Language and Thinking Workshop*

9:00–10:30 am

Language and Thinking Workshop*

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Lunch

12:30–2:00 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Language and Thinking Workshop*

2:00–3:30 pm

Mosaic Mural

3:45 - 5:45 pm • Tent outside of Bertelsmann Campus Center

Optional art activity: create a small mosaic to be added to the border of the community mural.

Dinner

5:30–7:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Open Swim with Movie

6:00–9:00 pm • Stevenson Athletic Center Pool

Open swim at the pool for new Bard students only.

Shabbat Service and Dinner

6:30–8:30 pm • Center for Spiritual Life, Resnick Commons A Basement

Join us for Shabbat candle-lighting, a relaxed and informal service, and a great vegetarian Shabbat dinner. All are welcome, Jewish and not Jewish, those familiar with Shabbat ritual and those totally new to it. Please contact Bard's rabbi, Joshua Boettiger, at jboettiger@bard.edu if you have any questions.

Snail Mail

5:00–7:00 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, George Ball Lounge (133)

Miss your people already? Let them know you do! Drop by for an hour of letter / postcard writing to send them a piece of your new world. We provide free postage, paper, envelopes, you name it. Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Junk Journaling

5:00–7:00 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, George Ball Lounge (133)

Make time for mindful journaling and sweet treats. Nice vintage aesthetic art materials, feel free to bring your own journal, extra journals will be provided. Hope to see you there! Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Manor Pub - Moomoos & Mocktails Paint & Sip

9:00 pm – 1:00 am • Manor Lounge

You don't have to leave campus to spend a night at the pub! Have an old spirit? Have a moomoo or jammies that you want to show off? Well you're in luck! Join us for a paint and sip in your comfy PJ's. Enjoy delicious food while painting and sipping on mocktails! Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Saturday, August 22

Breakfast

7:30–9:30 am • Kline Dining Commons

Lunch

12:00–2:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Dom's Coffee Cart

11:00 am–3:00 pm • Location TBD

It's been a busy week with so many changes and new experiences. Why not come down to Campus Center Lobby for some treats, customized coffees and teas, board games, and music! Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Hip Hop Dance Class

1:00–3:00 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center North, Multipurpose Room (MPR)

Like dancing? Want to try something new? Come learn some basic hip hop moves through a free Hip Hop dance class taught by our infamous Afro-pulse club head! No experience required! Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities

Men's Soccer Scrimmage vs SUNY New Paltz

3:00–5:00 pm • Ferrari Main Field

Show your Bard Pride and cheer on our men's soccer team as they take on SUNY New Paltz in an exciting scrimmage! Your energy makes all the difference!

Shopping Shuttle – Kingston Target and Walmart

3:00–6:30 pm • Kline Bus Stop

One school bus will depart Kline Southbound bus stop at 3:00, 4:00, and 5:00 pm. Bus will drop off at Target first, then Walmart.

Pickups at Target: 3:20, 4:20, 5:20, and 6:20 pm. Pickups at Walmart: 3:25, 4:25, 5:25, and 6:25 pm. Bus will return to Bard Campus Kline Northbound for drop-offs.

Please be courteous. Bus seating is limited and is first-come, first-served. Not all passengers can wait until the final shuttle of the evening to return. We must avoid overcrowding. Students can ride the [Bard-Tivoli-Red Hook Shuttle](#), the Dutchess County Public Transit's [Route C Bus](#) (and all [DCPT](#) routes, free with a Bard ID), or find alternatives on the “Taxis, Buses, Trains, and Airports” website, blogs.bard.edu/transportation.

CCE Presents Movie Night: Join or Die

4:00–6:00 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Weis Cinema

In this feature documentary, follow the half-century story of America's civic unraveling through the journey of legendary social scientist Robert Putnam, whose groundbreaking “Bowling Alone” research into America's decades-long decline in community connections could hold the answers to our democracy's present crisis.

Dinner

5:30–7:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Sip & Solve

7:00–10:00 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Yellow Room 214

Get ready to quench your thirst and challenge your mind at “Sip and Solve”! Grab a drink, gather your friends, and dive into a night of puzzles. It's the perfect way to unwind and connect! Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Club Manor - Raveton

10:00 pm – 1:00 am • Manor Lounge

*Does the heat call you? Craving some perreo? Come feel El Calentón at Manor on a night of Latin Excellence.
Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.*

Sunday, August 23

Breakfast

7:30–9:30 am • Kline Dining Commons

Lunch

12:00–2:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Roblox Day

12:00–3:00 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, George Ball Lounge (133)

Join us for an epic gaming session where we'll be diving into a variety of popular Roblox games. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the platform, there's something for everyone. Come hang out, play your favorite games, discover new ones, and challenge your friends in a day filled with virtual adventures! Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Soccer - Pick up (COED)

12:00–1:00pm • Ferrari Field

All levels welcome - whether you're picking up a Soccer for the first time or looking to work on your game, come enjoy the afternoon on the field.

Hip Hop Dance Class

1:00–3:00 pm • Location TBD

Like dancing? Want to try something new? Come learn some basic hip hop moves through a free Hip Hop dance class taught by our infamous Afro-pulse club head! No experience required! Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities

Mosaic Mural

3:45 - 5:45 pm • Tent outside of Bertelsmann Campus Center

Optional art activity: create a small mosaic to be added to the border of the community mural.

Dinner

5:30–7:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Lazer Tag

7:00–10:00 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Multipurpose Room (MPR)

Looking for a little glow night of fun? Two teams, five people on each. The two teams will have an allotted amount of time to participate. Teams will be paired into two groups of three to five people. Snacks and small refreshments provided. Every group gets a polaroid photo together, while supplies last. Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities

Monday, August 24 - Dessert with the President

Breakfast

7:30–9:00 am • Kline Dining Commons

Language and Thinking Workshop*

9:00–10:30 am

Language and Thinking Workshop*

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Lunch

12:30–2:00 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Language and Thinking Workshop*

2:00–3:30 pm

FirstGen Ice Cream Social @ Kappa House

4:00– 5:30 pm • Kappa House Lawn

Are you a first-generation student? If you are the first person in your immediate family to attend college, we invite you to join the FirstGen Bardians community. Connect with fellow first-generation peers and gain access to dedicated resources built to support your academic achievement and personal growth.

Hosted by the Bard FirstGen Forward Network, the Office of the Dean of Inclusive Excellence, and The SCALE Project.

Academic Program Information Sessions: First-Year Seminar FYSEM and Citizen Science

4:00–5:00 pm • Reem-Kayden Center, Laszlo Z. Bito '60 Auditorium (103)

Join the co-directors of First-Year Seminar (FYSEM) for a preview and discussion of the FYSEM course and curriculum. The director of the Citizen Science program will also join to discuss that program.

Bard Debate Union Information Session

4:00–5:00 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Yellow Room 214

Interested in learning more about the Bard Debate Union? Come meet the coaches and learn about all that we do: competitive debate, public debates, debate in prison, debate in the local school districts, international debates, and more!

Bard Farm Power Hour

4:00–5:00 pm • Bard College Farm, behind Robbins Hall

Are you interested in learning about the Bard Farm and sustainability initiatives on campus? Come down to the farm anytime during this open house and get your hands dirty. All experience levels are welcome! This is a great time to learn about sustainability programs at Bard.

Basketball Open Runs (COED)

4:30–6:00 pm • Stevenson Athletic Center Gymnasium

All levels welcome - whether you're picking up a basketball for the first time or looking to work on your game, come enjoy a night on the court!

Dinner

5:30–7:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Math Placement Help

6:00–8:00 pm • Hegeman 204A

Questions about the Math Placement? Confused about what math course to take? Japheth Wood, director of quantitative literacy, will be available to answer your questions.

Dessert with President Becker

6:00–7:15 pm • Stevenson Library

*President Becker invites members of **McWilliams House and McKenzie House** to drop in for dessert and conversation.*

Dessert with President Becker

7:30–8:45 pm • Stevenson Library

*President Becker invites members of **Yauch House** to drop in for dessert and conversation.*

Tuesday, August 25 - Job Fair, Dessert with the President

Breakfast

7:30–9:00 am • Kline Dining Commons

Language and Thinking Workshop*

9:00–10:30 am

Language and Thinking Workshop*

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Lunch

12:30–2:00 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Language and Thinking Workshop*

2:00–3:30 pm

Virtual On-Campus Job Fair

4:00–5:15 pm • PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED:

https://bard.zoom.us/meeting/register/Z4Y4K5T6S_GKbuB7L8PSPA

Students will have the opportunity to meet and hear from many on-campus employers to learn about the positions they are hiring for and the application materials and protocols students will need to follow in the application process. This Virtual Fair is sponsored by the Bard Career Development Office and the Student Employment Office. Get your questions answered!

Academic Information Sessions: Combined Programs in Engineering

5:00–6:00 pm • Hegeman 201

Learn about dual-degree programs with Columbia and Dartmouth in engineering and allied fields. Many students with a variety of majors have applied to these dual-degree programs successfully. Planning courses starting from the first semester at Bard is essential. Join the pre-engineering adviser Professor Simeen Sattar for an overview of the requirements for these programs, past student experiences with them, and prospects for financial aid.

Dinner

5:30–7:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Dessert Open House with President Becker

6:00–7:15 pm • Stevenson Library

*President Becker invites members of **Levine House** to drop in for dessert and conversation.*

Women's Soccer Scrimmage vs Manhattanville

7:00–9:00 pm • Ferrari Main Field

Support our women's soccer team as they battle Manhattanville, your cheers fuel their drive! Be There, Be Loud, and Rep Bard!

Dessert Open House with President Becker

7:30–8:45 pm • Stevenson Library

*President Becker invites members of **Coulter House** to drop in for dessert and conversation.*

Volleyball Learn to Play and Open Gym

8:00–10:00 pm • Stevenson Athletic Center Gymnasium

Come on out to the gym for an evening of VOLLEYBALL! There will be a developmental court for newer players and an open court for more experienced players. All are welcome and encouraged to join us.

Wednesday, August 26 - Academic Orientation

Breakfast

7:30–9:00 am • Kline Dining Commons

Language and Thinking Workshop*

9:00–10:30 am

Language and Thinking Workshop*

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00–2:00 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Academic Orientation Sessions*

2:00–3:00 pm • Franklin W. Olin Humanities Building, Olin Auditorium

Students with last names starting with A–L will meet to learn about advising and registration for the fall semester, the curriculum, and the academic life of the College. Your registration adviser is listed on BIP. You will receive information about the time and location of your Thursday morning group advising session via email.

Attendance is required.

Shopping Shuttle – Kingston Target and Walmart

3:00–6:30 pm • Kline Bus Stop

One school bus will depart Kline Southbound bus stop at 3:00, 4:00, and 5:00 pm. Bus will drop off at Target first, then Walmart.

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Academic Orientation Sessions*

3:00–4:00 pm • Franklin W. Olin Humanities Building, Olin Auditorium

Students with last names starting with M–Z will meet to learn about advising and registration for the fall semester, the curriculum, and the academic life of the College. Your registration adviser is listed on BIP. You will receive information about the time and location of your Thursday morning group advising session via email.

Attendance is required.

Photography Program Info Session and 101 Registration

5:00–6:00 pm • Woods Studio

Meet members of the Photography Program faculty to discuss the program and enroll in Photography 101!

Prospective photography majors and students interested in taking first-year photography classes MUST attend this informational session. Registration for 101 will occur during this info session.

Nature Rx Presents: Walk with Dogs

Every Wednesday at 5:00 – 5:45 pm • Meet at Sottery Hall

Join us for a relaxing one-mile walk around campus with friendly and adorable dogs! This is a fun and low-pressure way to meet new people, connect with members of the Bard community, and enjoy the benefits of spending time outdoors.

Staff from Wellness, Sustainability, the Dean of Students Office (DOSA), Career Services, and other campus offices will join the walk, creating an opportunity to meet campus resources in a casual setting while connecting with fellow students who love dogs. Whether you're looking to de-stress, get some fresh air, make new friends, or spend time with dogs, this walk is for you!

No dog? No problem! Everyone is welcome. Come walk, chat, meet new people, and enjoy some canine companionship.

Academic Program Information Session: Pre-Health

5:30–6:30 pm • Reem-Kayden Center, Room 101

Students interested in careers in human or veterinary medicine, as well as dentistry and other health professions, will meet Lisa Kooperman, pre-health and medicine career adviser. Information gleaned will have an impact on fall course selections.

Dinner

5:30–7:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Community Squash Class

6:00–7:30 pm • Stevenson Athletic Center, Squash Courts

Come play/learn how to play squash! Please bring non marking indoor shoes (shoes that haven't been worn outside) No experience required. IT'S AIR CONDITIONED

Language and Thinking Reading*

7:00–8:30 pm • See your instructor for location

The L&T Reading is a long-standing Bard tradition in which students and faculty gather to read their work and listen to the works of others.

Men's Soccer Scrimmage vs SUNY Ulster

7:00–9:00 pm • Ferrari Main Field

Bring the energy and help our men's soccer team dominate in their scrimmage against SUNY Ulster! Come out and show your Bard spirit!

Open Mic Night

8:30–10:30 pm • Campus Center North

Feeling imaginative and inspired after L&T readings? Then come show your talents at our very own Open Mic Night! Read a poem, sing a song, spit a verse, do your thing. All talents are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Thursday, August 27 - Advising & Matriculation Ceremony

Breakfast

7:30–9:00 am • Kline Dining Commons

Individual Advising Sessions*

9:00 am – 4:30 pm • Locations and details will be provided to your Bard email

*Appointment time and location will be announced by email from your registration adviser. Meet one-on-one with your faculty registration adviser to review your academic history and interests, and to develop a program of study for the fall term. To prepare for your advising session, please look at the Registration Resources at <https://www.bard.edu/registration/> and fill out the course planning worksheets found there to begin thinking about your courses and schedule. **Attendance is required.***

Math Placement Help

10:00 am – 12:00 pm • Hegeman 204A

Questions about the Math Placement? Confused about what math course to take? Japheth Wood, director of quantitative literacy, will be available to answer your questions.

Welcome to the Bard Bookstore

12:00–3:00 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Bookstore

Enter to win a sweatshirt, cookies and drinks, and answer any questions.

Lunch

12:30–2:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Informational Table with Counseling Services

12:30 – 1:30 pm • Table at Kline Dining Commons

Meet the staff of Counseling Services and learn about services and resources.

Bard Farm Stand

12:00–5:00 pm • Library Road

Matriculation Ceremony*

5:30–7:00 pm • Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts, Sosnoff Theater

*Dress up and join members of your class to acknowledge the completion of the Language and Thinking Program. **Attendance is required.***

Matriculation Banquet

7:00–9:00 pm • Manor Lawn

Cosponsored by Parkhurst Dining Services, the banquet will feature food from the Bard Farm.

Thank-a-Donor

7:00–9:00 pm • Manor Lawn

Join members of the Office of Development and Alumni/ae Affairs during the L&T Matriculation Banquet in writing thank you cards to our generous Bard College donors. The College's donors help Bard provide students with a unique educational experience. Write a thank you letter and enjoy a special treat on us!

Matriculation Fest

7:00 pm–12:00 am • Manor Lawn

Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Friday, August 28 - Course Registration

Breakfast

7:30–9:30 am • Kline Dining Commons

Online Course Registration*

8:00 am • Online

Online registration opens at 8:00 am. You can request specific courses through the Bard Information Portal (BIP). Information about accessing BIP is on your registration information card. You can request up to 18 credits, including your First-Year Seminar section (required for all first-year students). Have questions? Need help? Support is available in Henderson Computer Center and in Sottery Hall at the Center for Student Life and Advising. If any changes need to be made to your schedule after Friday, you can make the changes using the online registration portal beginning Saturday August 30. Your adviser and the deans will be available to help you throughout the drop/add period.

If you do not get into the First-Year Seminar section that you requested through online registration, you will be placed in a FYSEM section that fits your schedule. Check your BIP again on Sunday to find out your FYSEM section. If your course schedule changes and you need to change your FYSEM section, go to the Registrar's Office during the drop/add period and they will move you to a different section that fits your schedule.

Faculty Response

10:00 am • Online

Faculty will be able to begin reviewing and responding to student registration requests at 10:00 am. Students can sign into BIP during this time to check the status of their requests, and can continue to make additional requests if they are denied from courses on their first attempt.

Course Consultation

10:00 am – 12:00 pm • Registration advisers are in their offices or in designated classrooms (locations are listed on the [New Student Registration Webpage](https://www.bard.edu/registration/) <https://www.bard.edu/registration/>)

This is an opportunity to check back in with your registration adviser and review your current first-round registration results if you are having difficulty finding open courses, and, as needed, to discuss the courses you will request in the second round of registration. It is also a time to seek out other faculty representing academic programs across the curriculum to further explore your interests and discuss registration options.

Lunch

12:00–2:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Dinner

5:30–7:30 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Shabbat Services and Dinner

6:30–8:30 pm • Center for Spiritual Life, Resnick Commons A Basement

Join us for Shabbat candle-lighting, a relaxed and informal service, and a great vegetarian Shabbat dinner. All are welcome—Jewish and not Jewish, those familiar with Shabbat ritual and those totally new to it. Please contact Bard's rabbi, Joshua Boettiger, at jboettiger@bard.edu if you have any questions.

90's Type of Love: Movie Marathon Round 2

7:00–9:00 pm • Bertelsmann Campus Center, Weis Cinema

Come chill with your fellow classmates while watching classic 90's romance movies. Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Pub Night - Tarot, Tea, and Talk

9:00 pm – 1:00 am • Manor Lounge

In search of Connection? Clarity? Clairvoyance? Come to the pub and get your tarot read, have some tea mocktails, play trivia for some goodies, and other fun activities! Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities.

Saturday, August 29 - Returning Student Arrival

Brunch

10:00 am – 2:00 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Men's Soccer vs CUNY Hunter

2:00–4:00 pm • Ferrari Main Field

Calling all Bard fans! Don't miss our men's soccer team Home Opener against CUNY Hunter! More Fans = More Fun. See you on the sidelines!

Dinner

5:00–8:00 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Club Manor - 2016 Rewind with BSO

10:00 pm – 1:00 am • Manor

Get ready to rewind to the good old days of 2016 with the Black Student Organization! Join us for a throwback party that'll transport you straight back to the mid-2010s. We're talking all the best music, fashion, and vibes from 2016. Come dressed in your finest 2016-inspired threads and get ready to dance, chill, and relive a truly iconic year! Brought to you by the Office of Student Activities and the Black Students Organization.

Sunday, August 30

Brunch

10:00 am – 2:00 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Dinner

5:00–8:00 pm • Kline Dining Commons

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, August 31

First Day of Fall Classes

Saturday, September 5

Club Fair

1:00–3:00 pm • Campus Center Quad (rain location Bertelsmann Campus Center)

Meet representatives from the more than 150 clubs at Bard.

Wednesday, September 9

Drop/Add Period Ends at 5:00 pm

Wednesday, September 30

Late Drop Period Ends (last day to drop a class)

Pass/Fail/D Grading Option Deadline (last day for students to petition faculty to take a class Pass/Fail/D)

Monday, October 12 – Tuesday, October 13

Fall Break

Friday, October 23 – Sunday, October 25

Family and Alumni/ae Weekend: #bardfallwknd

We look forward to welcoming parents, family members, and alumni/ae to campus. Online registration for Family and Alumni/ae Weekend will open in the fall. Please contact events@bard.edu with any questions. [Learn more.](#)

Thursday, November 26 – Sunday, November 29

Thanksgiving Recess (classes end at 5 pm on Wednesday, November 25)

Friday, December 4

Last Day to Withdraw from a Class

Wednesday, December 9

Advising Day

Thursday, December 10

Registration for Spring Classes Opens

Monday, December 14 – Friday, December 18

Completion Days—Regular Classes and Final Exams (all students and faculty remain on campus)

Friday, December 18, 2025

Last Day of fall Classes (fall semester ends)

Course Plan for Fall 2026

Student Name: _____

Registration Adviser: _____

Major, Concentration, and Second Focus:

Please indicate the majors, concentrations, and second focus options in which you're interested.

1. Major(s): _____
2. Concentration(s) _____
3. Second Focus: _____

Primary Course Selection:

Please indicate the primary courses in which you're interested.

4. Course (4 credits): _____
5. Course (4 credits): _____
6. Course (4 credits): _____
7. Course/FYSEM Section _____
8. Additional (1-2 credit): _____

Alternate Course Selection:

Please indicate the alternate courses in which you may be interested.

1. Alternate Course: _____
2. Alternate Course: _____
3. Alternate Course: _____

Course Schedule Plan for Fall 2026

Day/Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30 AM					
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6:00 PM					

Important Phone Numbers

All extensions listed below can be reached by dialing 845.758.XXXX

Athletics	7531
Bard Emergency Medical Services	7777
Bookstore	7005
BRAVE (office)	7557
BRAVE (hotline)	7777
Buildings and Grounds (B&G)	7465
Career Development Office	7539
Center for Student Life and Advising	7454
Chaplaincy	7454
Dining Services - Parkhurst	7533
Computing Center Help Desk	7500
Dean of Students Office	7454
Dean of Studies Office	7454
Disability Access Services	7532
First Year Experience	7454
Fisher Center Box Office	7900
Health and Counseling Center	7433
Learning Commons	7812
Operator	0
Mail Room (USPS)	7537
Registrar	7458
Residence Life	7455
Security (non-emergency)	7460
Security (emergency)	7777
Shipping and Receiving (FedEx and UPS)	7653
Stevenson Athletic Center - Front Desk	7527
Charles P. Stevenson Library - Circulation Desk	7148
Student Financial Services	7520
Student Activities	7097
Transportation	7625