



STUDY ABROAD VIA TUITION EXCHANGE AT BARD COLLEGE



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

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

The parliament of reality, photo by Karl Rabe

Cover: Students leave the Fisher Center after the matriculation ceremony, photo by Karl Rabe

Location and History

bard.edu

Founded in 1860, Bard College is located about 90 miles north of New York City in the beautiful Hudson River Valley. Bard is a unique, welcoming liberal arts and sciences institution with approximately 1,900 undergraduates from across the United States and over 30 foreign countries. The campus consists of four historic estates on over 1,000 acres of fields, orchards, and woodlands overlooking the Hudson River and the Catskill Mountains, where students live and work in buildings of varied architectural styles, from the 19th-century buildings of Stone Row to the cutting-edge science and performing arts facilities designed by Rafael Viñoly, Frank Gehry, and Maya Lin.



Faculty and Academics

bard.edu/academics

Students who study at Bard via tuition exchange select courses from nearly 40 academic programs in four divisions—Arts; Languages and Literature; Science, Mathematics, and Computing; and Social Studies—and Interdivisional Programs such as Human Rights, Global and International Studies, and American and Indigenous Studies. Classes are small, typically fewer than 20 students, and are taught by Bard professors, not by graduate students or teaching assistants. Bard's distinguished faculty are dedicated to the philosophy of teaching and are leaders in their fields, including classicist and social critic Daniel Mendelsohn, poet Ann Lauterbach, economist Pavlina Tcherneva, filmmaker Kelly Reichl, and photographers Stephen Shore and An-My Lê.





"The professors are very knowledgeable and take the time to help you in any way they can. What I really enjoyed was the personal guidance from faculty to get the best out of yourself academically and make you feel at home."

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

Campus Life

bard.edu/campus

Tuition exchange students are guaranteed housing in one of more than 50 student residences (all with Wi-Fi, social rooms, kitchens, and free laundry facilities). They are welcomed into all aspects of campus life from yoga classes at the gymnasium to joining one of the more than 100 student-initiated and run clubs on campus, including the Bard Debate Union, Surrealist Circus, Bard Bollywood Dance, K-Pop Dance Club, and the International Student Organization. Students can also get involved with the Bard Farm, the Office of Sustainability and its initiatives, and attend Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, and Muslim services and celebrations, among others offered by the Center for Spiritual Life.



Playing Frisbee behind Blithewood, photo by ©Peter Aaron '68/Esto

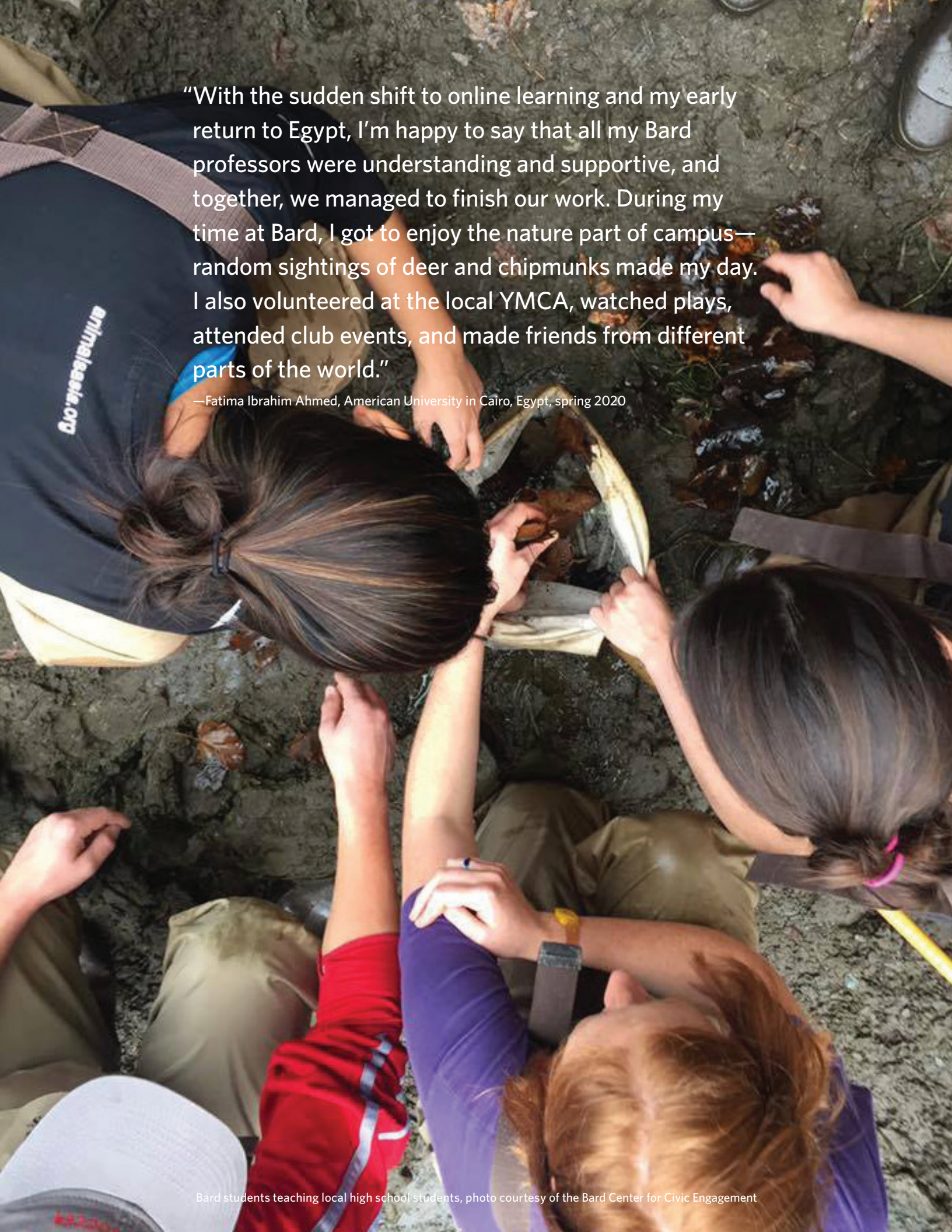
Civic Engagement

cce.bard.edu

The Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) at Bard supports, coordinates, and promotes a wide array of institutional and student initiatives. CCE strives to inspire students to take action, develop a sense of agency, and encourage creative application of language, arts, and sciences in public life. Exchange students can become involved in established student-led initiatives in partnership with local schools and social service organizations, and be inspired and guided in establishing similar programs at their home institutions. Civic engagement offers an excellent way to become involved with the local community and learn about American life.



Erik Kiviatt '76 leads a field trip through Tivoli Bays, a wildlife area adjacent to Bard;
photo by Pete Mauney '93, MFA '00

A high-angle photograph showing a group of students in a field setting. They are gathered around a specimen, possibly a dead animal, which is lying on the ground. The students are wearing various clothing, including a black t-shirt with 'animalsale.org' on it, a red shirt, and a purple shirt. They are all looking down at the specimen with interest. The ground is dirt and covered with some dry leaves. The text is overlaid on the top left of the image.

"With the sudden shift to online learning and my early return to Egypt, I'm happy to say that all my Bard professors were understanding and supportive, and together, we managed to finish our work. During my time at Bard, I got to enjoy the nature part of campus—random sightings of deer and chipmunks made my day. I also volunteered at the local YMCA, watched plays, attended club events, and made friends from different parts of the world."

—Fatima Ibrahim Ahmed, American University in Cairo, Egypt, spring 2020



Bard New York City

bardnyc.bard.edu

Bard NYC is an innovative study away program for undergraduates eager to gain practical work experience in New York City. Students get a head start on their transition from college to career by combining interdisciplinary coursework, a professional internship, and cocurricular programming. A new dormitory in Williamsburg, Brooklyn offers students a multicultural co-living community, onsite classrooms, and access to the entire city from a convenient location. Bard NYC currently offers several study pathways including: Advocacy & Social Justice; Arts; Data Science & Society; Economics & Finance; International Affairs; and Media & Publishing. Recent internships have included Oxford Analytica, CNN, Magnum Foundation, and Bond Street Theater.

“Studying abroad was useful for me because I got an idea of what I could do in the future. I had one perspective from CEU, and then when I went to Bard College, it introduced different ideas about what I could do in life and what kind of fields I could go into. I helped to organize a project while at Bard called Falling in Love with a Stranger. We got funding from the civic engagement office, and it was about getting people who don’t know each other to talk on a deeper and more meaningful level.”

—Subham Manandar, Central European University (CEU), Vienna, Austria, fall 2022-spring 2023





Bard College's tuition exchange program offers students from partner institutions the opportunity to study for a semester or a year at Bard College and/or at its innovative Bard NYC program, headquartered in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

NOMINATION/APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To study at Bard College or Bard NYC via tuition exchange, students must first be nominated by their home institution's study abroad office (at least two weeks before the application deadline). The online application link and instructions are emailed by Bard directly to nominated students. See below for application deadlines (but please note that your study abroad office may require an internal application/approval process with earlier deadlines). For any questions about the process, please contact your home study abroad office.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall Semester (late August – late December)

Academic Year (late August – late May)

Application deadline: March 15

Spring Semester (late January – late May)

Application deadline: October 15

ACADEMIC TERMS

Bard College operates on a semester basis (fall and spring). There is no tuition exchange possible in the summer. Exchange students may attend one semester or a full academic year at Bard or Bard NYC (or one semester at each campus). To view the current academic calendar, visit Bard.edu/academics/calendar

LEVEL OF STUDY

Although graduate students can be nominated to study at Bard/Bard NYC via exchange, they may only take undergraduate courses.

ACADEMICS

Bard College Main Campus

Bard.edu/academics/programs

Inside.bard.edu/academic/courses/current

Bard NYC

BardNYC.bard.edu/courses

COURSE RESTRICTIONS

Aside from "language intensives" (introductory courses in foreign languages), exchange students may request to take any undergraduate course offered provided that they have fulfilled prerequisites (and with the understanding that they are not guaranteed admittance to specific courses).

COURSE LOAD/FULL-TIME STATUS

A normal semester course load at Bard/Bard NYC is 16 credits. Exchange students must maintain a minimum of 12 credits to remain in compliance with J-1 visa regulations

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

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

HOUSING AND FOOD

Housing is guaranteed (and mandatory) in shared dormitory rooms at both Bard and Bard NYC. Students housed at Bard are required to take the meal plan. Students housed at Bard are also billed for the meal plan, with unlimited food at the main cafeteria 19 meals/week.

DISABILITY SERVICES

Bard College strives to create an accessible, inclusive and welcoming campus community for all students with disabilities. Accepted exchange students who would like to request services and/or accommodations must register with Bard's Disability and Access Services (DAS) office. For full information on accommodations and the documentation process, visit: bard.edu/accessibility/students.

PROGRAM COSTS

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

Bard College

bard.edu/studentaccounts/fees

Costs listed are for a full year (two semesters)

Bard NYC

bardnyc.bard.edu/admission

Costs listed are for a single semester

*Additional costs to students include SEVIS and J-1 visa fees, airfare to/from JFK Airport, books/school supplies, personal expenses, and elective travel within the United States.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Students in need of funds to offset the costs involved in studying at Bard/Bard NYC may apply for scholarships via their home institution. Bard College does not offer scholarships to exchange students.

Social Media

[Youtube.com/user/bardwebvideo](https://www.youtube.com/user/bardwebvideo)

x.com/BARDCollege

facebook.com/BardCollegeNY

[Instagram.com/bardcollege](https://www.instagram.com/bardcollege)

[Instagram.com/bardnyc](https://www.instagram.com/bardnyc)

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