

# Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought

Bard College Berlin, A Liberal Arts University (BCB)  
Bachelor of Arts



## Overview

### The origin of humanities

The B.A. degree in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought affords students thorough and interdisciplinary training in fields such as art history, practicing arts, philosophy, literature, and film. In addition to practicing in these fields, students also acquire knowledge of the key intellectual developments and questions that lie at the origin of the humanities.

All students attend the Core Curriculum, a six-semester-long intellectual history that comprises the “social thought” component of the degree. After completing foundational modules, students specialize in Art and Aesthetics, Ethics and Politics, or Literature and Rhetoric.

Throughout their studies students also take elective courses in arts, politics, humanities, politics, economics, and more. In their third year, students can pursue internships for academic credit in Berlin and have the option to study abroad.

To complete the degree, students complete a B.A. thesis project under close guidance from a faculty advisor in their fourth year of study. All B.A. candidates must demonstrate intermediate proficiency in German by the end of their second year.

### Overview: B.A. in Humanities, the Arts, and Social Thought

- Qualification: Bachelor of Arts
- Duration: 4 years (8 semesters)
- Language of instruction: English
- Credits earned: 240 ECTS credits
- Concentrations:

Art and Aesthetics  
Ethics and Politics  
Literature and Rhetoric

Further information available in our brochures:

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## Admission

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Applicants are required to have a high school diploma by the time they matriculate into the program. B.A. students may be eligible to obtain both a German B.A. degree from Bard College Berlin and an American BA degree from Bard College. For information on German degree eligibility, visit our website.

Bard College Berlin's programs are taught entirely in English. Therefore, applicants need to provide documentation of knowledge of English equivalent to level C1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, e.g. TOEFL IBT: 95, IELTS Academic: 7.0. If students have successfully completed one year of high school or university with English as the primary

language of instruction, they do not need to submit an additional test.

Applications must be submitted online through Bard College Berlin's electronic application form. Please visit the [admissions homepage](#) for details on how to apply.

Early Admission: November 1  
Regular Admission: January 15  
Late Admission: May 1

## Bard College

### Bard College

Bard College Berlin was founded with the goal of bringing small-group seminar teaching and interdisciplinary liberal arts education back to Europe. Students from over sixty countries acquire the fundamental disciplinary and historical knowledge needed for approaching the concerns and opportunities of the twenty-first century, and master a specialization in a field of the humanities or social sciences.

At Bard College Berlin, students cultivate the capacity for critical thinking, excellent speaking and writing skills, and civic-mindedness both inside and outside the classroom. These skills establish a solid preparation for many future career paths: alumni have advanced to successful careers in a variety of fields, as well as graduate study at some of the world's best universities.

## Kulturwissenschaften